

M'KOWEN'S DEFALCATION WILL AMOUNT TO \$60,000 HE EMPLOYS AN ATTORNEY TO DEFEND HIM

WOMEN ARE NOT BLAMED

Says They Did not Help
Him Squander U. C.
Money.

Will Try to Gain Liberty
or a Light Sentence
From the Court.

ATTORNEY INSTRUCTS PRISON-
ER NOT TO DISCUSS HIS
SHORTAGE.

As the Finance Committee of the Board of Regents probes deeper into the scandal surrounding the secretary's office at the University of California, the sum of money stolen by William A. McKowen reaches larger and larger proportions. At the conference held last night by President Wheeler with A. W. Foster and John A. Britton of the Finance Committee and Charles Snook, attorney of the Board of Regents, it was gradually determined that the sum of McKowen's peculations will reach perhaps \$60,000 if not more.

CULPRIT WEEPS.

Broken down with grief and sobbing pitifully until the scene became intensely dramatic, McKowen was kept a prisoner at the college.

Each time the committee sought a private consultation the self-accused University official was led out of the room by the deputy sheriff only to be brought back again that he might be interrogated as to some particular falsification.

ROBBED FOR SEVEN YEARS.

It developed during the inquiry that McKowen had started his systematic robberies as early as 1896. The amounts taken, it was found, were small at first, but were gradually increased as the trusted secretary became bolder and bolder in his work. It appears that he lost small sums at first and then began to steal greater and greater amounts in the hope that the first losses might be repaid. But luck was against McKowen.

HOW HE WAS CAUGHT.

How McKowen came to be detected is an interesting bit of history. It was an outsider who smelt a rat, and by calling attention to a peculiar circumstance lead to the discovery of McKowen's crookedness.

McKowen's undoing resulted in his paying a gambling debt with a check for \$1200 by R. A. Clark, cashier of the Hearst estate, in payment of some scholarship dues. The check was signed by Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst, the founder of the scholarships. When the canceled check was returned to Mr. Clark, that gentleman was surprised to find on its back the endorsement of Jim Davis, the outlawed bookmaker, who had deposited it to his own account in the Western National Bank.

Mr. Clark, who is a keen business man, at once decided that something was wrong, and called the attention of the University authorities to the fact that University checks were being endorsed over to race track gamblers.



CHARLES E. SNOOK, ATTORNEY FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE U. C., WHO WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO PROSECUTE THE DEFAULTING SECRETARY TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW.

M'KOWEN'S STATEMENT TO TRIBUNE

While W. A. McKowen has made a confession to the Regents of the University of California as to his guilt in the matter of having stolen moneys amounting to \$60,000 which he spent on women and at the race track, still he intends making a fight for as little punishment for his crime as the law will allow.
In conversation with a TRIBUNE reporter this morning, McKowen said: "I do not wish to talk about this matter as I have been advised not to do so."
"You have an attorney?"
"Yes, W. A. Wright, who has an office on Sansome street in San Francisco."
"You made an unreserved statement of your case to the Regents, have you not?"
"Yes."
"Well, have you any objection to going over that statement?"
"My attorney has advised me not to talk any more about the matter and I must refer you to him."
"You intend making a defense in the courts?"
"I should hardly have reserved an attorney except for such a purpose."
"There is another thing. You have been represented with having been to the race track with Mrs. Jos. Davies. Did she help you squander any of the money you took?"
"She did not. I don't want to see anyone get in trouble over what is my own fault. I know her and have been with her; but any money I may have spent with friends was only such as any one of you might have spent. My income was sufficient for my needs and what money I lost was at the track; no one but myself is responsible for that."
"You can not then state when you began taking money or approximately how much the University has actually lost?"
"No. There is only one thing I am desirous of saying and that is that this money went at the track. No one helped me spend anything more than my income would admit of. I could not have spent any such sum on women or in any other way without having attracted the attention of everybody to my affairs."
McKowen looked this morning, after his first night in jail, as if he needed the comforts of a home. His hair needed the caress of his brushes and a two-days' growth of beard on his face showed that his trouble had prevented his having attended to his personal appearance as much as was his wont. His collar was clean and his necktie looked as if it might have been tied yesterday.

When McKowen's whole house of cards collapsed.

WHAT BRITTON SAYS.

Regent John A. Britton returned from the University last night very tired, more worried and deeply astounded at the extent and boldness of Secretary McKowen's peculations. He had labored with unwearied industry to get the crooked places in the books straightened and to find out what had become of the stolen money. His astonishment was profound when he learned that the stealing had been going on for more than seven years. He questioned McKowen closely, but did not get very much satisfaction. The weeping and broken down secretary could not tell, or said he could not, just how he came to take the first money or what he did with it.

"The defalcation is a very heavy one," said Mr. Britton. "It will be over \$40,000 and may reach \$50,000. We cannot tell precisely until the books have been examined. The money embezzled will be a complete loss to the University. For Mr. McKowen has no relatives or friends able to make his defalcation good."

"It is a lamentable feature of the affair that so serious a loss should fall on a public institution of the character of the University, whose funds should be as sacred as those of a church."

"McKowen will have to suffer the penalty of his misdoing. While there is sympathy for a young man who yields to temptation and goes wrong, the offense cannot be condoned. McKowen realizes his fate, from which there is no escape, for his case is one that demands a salutary example. All the Regents I have seen feel a sense of personal grief over the deplorable affair and the scandal and loss it entails on the University."

"The trouble is primarily due to the system of allowing the secretary to have

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FRIAR LANDS TO BE SOLD.

Government Has Made
Settlement With the
Claimant.

President Will Approve
the Work of
Gov. Taft.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Governor Taft has informed the War Department that an agreement has been reached for the sale of the Friar lands. It is in contemplation to sell the lands for the benefit of the Filipinos themselves, for the money will go into their own treasury. Payment will be made by bonds, either turned over directly to the Friars or sold by the Philippine Government at the best price obtainable, the proceeds being given to the orders. The lands are to be sold as far as possible to the tenants, who live upon them now, and on long time payments, at a very moderate rate of interest on the deferred payments.

The main purpose is to create the greatest possible number of landholders in the Philippines, for it is believed such a body would be a strong conservative of peace and do much to discourage future revolutionary movements.

The question of the withdrawal of the Friars, has, it is said, at the War Department, practically settled itself. Of the Government body of Friars in the islands at the outbreak of the war, only 200 are said to have remained, and nearly all of these are at Manila. Even if a few remain, it is felt that their power to further embarrass the future relations of the Government and people in the Philippines has disappeared. It is not doubted that the President and Secretary Root will approve Governor Taft's arrangements, particularly as the people of the United States are not to be charged with any money required to buy the Friar lands.

KAHN WINS A POINT.

COMMITTEE WILL SEND TO SAN
FRANCISCO FOR THE
BALLOT.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—The Public Elections Committee unanimously decided to send to San Francisco for the ballots in the Kahn-Live contest election case.

Argument to this end was made before the committee by Attorney Dibble, representing Mr. Kahn.

CHICAGO, December 17.—The annual winter meeting of the league magnates began here today. The session is regarded as an important one, owing to the somewhat strained relations between the American and National Leagues over the action of the older leagues in voting to stand by the foul strike rule, and in extending the playing schedule without first consulting the American League's schedule. The affairs of the Detroit Club were gone over.

WEATHER FORECAST.
SAN FRANCISCO, December 17.—Weather forecast:—San Francisco and vicinity:—This afternoon and tonight, cloudy; Friday, cloudy; brisk, westerly wind.

RAINFALL.
The rainfall for the twenty-four hours ending 1 o'clock p. m. today was .06 of an inch, making 8 inches for the season, as against 7.54 inches for the corresponding date last year.

SPEAKER SIGNS BILL.
WASHINGTON, December 17.—When the House convened today the Speaker signed the bill carrying into effect the Cuban reciprocity treaty using a gold pen provided by the Cuban Minister.

SENATORS DO NOT AGREE.

Foraker Defends President
in Panama
Case.

Hoar Declares That He
Does not Want National
Dishonor.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—Senator Hoar addressed the Senate on his resolution calling upon the President for such information as may be in his possession relative to the status of the Republic of Panama when the treaty with that country was negotiated. Mr. Hoar began by saying that he was favorable to the last man canal and desired that the present President of the United States should build the great waterway. But, anxious as he was for the accomplishment of these ends, he was even more anxious that the canal should be built without "taint or suspicion of national dishonor."

ABOUT THE REVOLUTION.
"What we want to know," he said, "is did this Government, knowing that a revolution was about to take place, so arrange matters that the revolution, whether peaceable or otherwise, should be permitted to go on without interruption, and whether our national authorities took measures to prevent Colombia from stopping it?"

Mr. Gorman followed Mr. Hoar. He ridiculed the Panama resolution and claimed that the administration had suppressed information. He sharply attacked the administration and intimated that the course which had been entered upon was for the purpose of securing partisan advantage in the approaching presidential election.

He complained bitterly of the course of the Assistant Secretary of State Loomis in giving the facts bearing upon the treaty to a banquet in New York, which was held, he said, in violation of a sacred secrecy and also said the facts did not justify the statement by Mr. Loomis that the Nicaragua canal was not feasible. He concluded by declaring that the arms of the United States should not be used to sustain the fortunes of a falling party.

ABOUT THE DEMOCRATS.
In the course of Mr. Gorman's speech, Mr. Aldrich asked him if the Democrats would vote against the canal treaty and Mr. Gorman replied that as the facts are not known and if necessary to do so, to save the honor of the country, they would.

Mr. Foraker followed Mr. Gorman. He said that Mr. Hoar's speech should have been made in closed session. Such a course would have been the part of patriotism, especially as it criticized the President.

ABOUT OUR TROOPS.
Mr. Tillman asked if he knew whether it was true that 6000 troops were being mobilized to march on Bogota, "in support of the liberty republic, born in some back room."

Mr. Foraker said he had no such knowledge.

"Can't the information be obtained at the White House?" asked Mr. Tillman.

"If the Senator wants to obtain such information, he should apply at the White House himself," replied Mr. Foraker.

Mr. Hoar asserted that Mr. Foraker had misrepresented him and said that the President had not disclaimed knowledge of the revolution on the isthmus if this information was what he sought.

REFLECTED ON PRESIDENT.
Mr. Foraker declared that he had not misquoted the Massachusetts Senator; that the remarks of that Senator was a reflection on the President. Evidently there was warm feeling between the Senators, although their remarks were couched in courteous terms.

Mr. Foraker insisted that the President's course was entirely justified and that if he had not acted promptly and preserved the open transit of the isthmus the Democrats would have criticized him for dereliction duty. When Mr. Foraker concluded, Mr. Mitchell addressed the Senate on the Lewis and Clarke Expedition.

GENERAL BRUCE RECEIVES OFFER.
WASHINGTON, December 17.—The President has tendered the position of Civil Service Commissioner, made vacant by the death of John H. Prator, to General John C. Black, of Chicago, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

EXECUTIVES CHOSEN.
BERLIN, Dec. 17.—M. Combes, a member of the Bundestag from Neuchatel, and M. Ruech, a member from the Canton de Vaud, were today elected respectively president and vice-president of Switzerland for 1904.

COLOMBIAN SOLDIERS ARE LOCATED.

Preparing to Fight to the Bitter End
in Case General Reyes'
Mission Fails.

COLON, December 17.—The United States cruiser Atlanta, Commander William H. Turner, returned here last night from the Gulf of Darien. She discovered December 15, a detachment of Colombian troops numbering virtually about 1500 men, but according to their statements totaling 2000 men at Titumal on the western side of the gulf, just north of the mouth of the Atrato river. The commander of the Atlanta sent ashore an officer who conversed with the Colombian commander. The latter protested energetically against the presence of American warships in Colombian waters, in so much as war between Colombia and the United States had not been declared and politely requested the Atlanta to leave the gulf, because it belonged to Colombia. Commander Turner ignored the request and the Atlanta returned to Colon to report to Rear-Admiral Coghlan.

PREPARING FOR WAR.
The Colombians are clearly busy with protective and strengthening measures. Although they treated the Americans courteously, they decidedly resent the presence of the Atlanta's landing party. The Colombian force was composed partly of the men landed recently at the Atrato river by the Colombian cruisers Cartagena and General Pinzon.

SOLDIERS ON SCHOONER.
Early in the morning of December 15th, the Atlanta sighted a small schooner in the center of the Gulf of Darien and followed her to the western shore, where the schooner attempted to hide behind the islet. Lieutenant Iolan P. Perrill of the Atlanta was ordered to board her and thereupon a battle was fought. Through the courtesy of the naval officers, the correspondent of the Associated Press accompanied the party in the whaleboat. It was found that the schooner had on board a hundred Colombian soldiers, commanded by General Rafael Novoa, who said General Daniel Ortiz, commander-in-chief of the Colombian forces of the Atlanta and the Pacific, had a large camp a mile away on the mainland. General Novoa requested Lieutenant Perrill to land

and confer with General Ortiz. After temporarily returning to the Atlanta, Lieutenant Perrill went back to the schooner, which in the meantime had taken up a position off a beach within a small bay. Great excitement prevailed among the Colombians on the whaleboat's approach. There were repeated cries of "Vive Colombia" and there was a sudden concentration of 150 Colombian soldiers on the beach. For some moments the situation appeared dangerous and had the appearance of an ambush.

GENERAL PROTESTS.
General Ortiz appeared on the beach when Lieutenant Perrill went ashore, the whaleboat in the meanwhile lying close to the beach. General Ortiz insisted that Lieutenant Perrill should fly the Colombian flag at the bow of the whaleboat or lower the American flag at her stern, because she was in Colombian water. Lieutenant Perrill replied that he did not have a Colombian flag and refused to lower the Stars and Stripes. General Ortiz did not insist upon his so doing, but he protested in writing against the presence of the Americans in Colombian waters. Lieutenant Perrill accepted the protest and conveyed it to Commander Turner, who handed it to Rear-Admiral Coghlan on his arrival here.

SCENE ON SHORE.
During the conference with the Colombians ashore Lieutenant Perrill was surrounded by General Ortiz's staff, while behind a few paces away was a semi-circle of armed sentinels. General Ortiz did not permit Lieutenant Perrill to leave the point of the beach where he landed. While Lieutenant Perrill was awaiting the Colombian protest, First Lieutenant Edward B. Manwaring, commanding the marine guard of the Atlanta, rowed up a cutter for the purpose of communicating with Lieutenant Perrill and to gain certain military information. Lieutenant Manwaring went ashore, and the cutter joined the cutter of the Atlanta. Lieutenant Perrill returned to the Atlanta at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Lieutenant Manwaring, before returning, pulled in the cutter along the coast, observing the Colombian's camp. Later in the day General Ortiz requested the Atlanta to leave.

WILL FIGHT TO THE END.
The Colombian camp appeared to be permanent, was well provisioned and probably destined to be used as a base of operations. General Ortiz and others freely expressed the determination of Colombia to fight to the bitter end in case General Reyes' visit to Washington is not successful and Panama is not returned to Colombia.

PRESIDENT HAS HE SIGNED BILL.

CUBAN RECIPROCITY MEASURE
IS NOW ON STATUTE
BOOKS.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—The President signed the Cuban reciprocity bill a few minutes before 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Now that the bill has become a law, a question of great interest has arisen, namely, the effect of the reduction of the duty on Cuban sugar from other countries.

The British Government has served formal notice upon the State Department that under the "favored nation" clause it expects that British sugar from the British West Indies shall be admitted into the United States on equal terms with Cuban sugar, and it is not doubted that General Pinzon, Austria and the other great beet sugar producing countries will do likewise. An old holding of Attorney-General Olney under President Cleveland was adverse to such demands, but the question promises to be reopened at a vigorous.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—The President this afternoon issued a proclamation receding the passage of the Cuban reciprocity treaty and declaring the Cuban reciprocity treaty to be effective ten days from today.

CAUGHT WITH LOOT.
Last night Robert Busack was arrested at Second and Broadway and booked at the city prison for petty larceny for the theft of a pair of linen taken from the premises of Jack Rohan, coal dealer at Second and Washington streets. Had the lines been the only thing found in his possession, Busack might have had an easier time, but he was loaded with blankets and other loot he had picked up at different lawless places. He was taken to the police court and the police there will today be able to find sufficient evidence against him to make a charge of burglary stick, so the petty larceny charge was continued until tomorrow to plead. Busack is a stranger here, but given evidence of soon becoming well acquainted.

ADMITTED HE WAS DRUNK.
Martin Klei admitted he was drunk yesterday when arrested, and claimed that this morning's appearance was due to a severe cold. He had been here for some time and hesitating when he said that Judge Smith's suspicions were aroused and a few questions asked. He admitted that he had been here about three years ago on a vagrancy charge, which secured him the usual \$5 or three days.

BURNED TO DEATH.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Harry L. Smith and her two young sons were burned to death today by a fire in their home at Oakland.

DEATH OF A JUDGE.
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Judge John Hutchinson of the Supreme Court died today of heart failure.

STREET COMMITTEE WILL ACT TONIGHT.

There is hardly doubt that the Street Committee of the Council will, at tonight's meeting, decide to report favorably the petition of the property owners requesting a permit to pave Telegraph avenue with bitumen at their own expense.

The Merchants' Exchange has heartily endorsed the project, which has the sympathy of the entire community. The necessity for paving Telegraph

avenue is so urgent and so apparent that the Councilmen are not disposed to stand on technicalities when there is a proposition to have the thoroughfare paved without cost to the city. It is not apprehended that any further objection of a serious nature will be made to the projected improvement; consequently the residents along the line of Telegraph avenue are feeling quite exhilarated.

THOUSANDS HAVE KIDNEY TROUBLE AND DON'T KNOW IT



To Prove What Swamp-Root, the Great Kidney Remedy, Will Do for YOU, Every Reader of the Tribune May Have a Sample Bottle Sent Free by Mail.

Weak and unhealthy kidneys are responsible for more sickness and suffering than any other disease, therefore, when through neglect or other causes, kidney trouble is permitted to continue, fatal results are sure to follow.

Your other organs may need attention—but your kidneys most, because they do most and need attention first.

If you are sick or "feel badly," begin taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, because as soon as your kidneys begin to get better they will help all the other organs to health. A trial will convince anyone.

The mild and immediate effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. Swamp-Root will set your whole system right and the best proof of this is a trial.

11 East 120th St., New York City.
Dear Sir:—I had been suffering severely from kidney trouble. All symptoms were on hand, my former strength and power had left me. I could hardly drag myself along. Even my mental capacity was giving out, and often I wished to die. It was then I saw an advertisement of your Swamp-Root in a New York paper, but did not have paid any attention to it, had it not prompted a sworn guarantee, which I have now in my possession, stating that your Swamp-Root is purely vegetable, and does not contain any harmful or dangerous ingredients. I have now been using Swamp-Root for four different kidney diseases, with the same good results. With many thanks to you, I remain
"Very truly yours,"
"ROBERT BERNER."

You may have a sample bottle of this famous kidney remedy, Swamp-Root, sent free by mail, postpaid, by which you may test its virtues for such bottles.

EDITORIAL NOTICE.—If you have the slightest symptoms of kidney or bladder trouble, or if there is a trace of it in your family history, send at once to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., who will gladly send you by mail, immediately, without cost to you, a sample bottle of Swamp-Root, and a book containing many of the thousands upon thousands of testimonial letters received from men and women who have cured their kidneys by using this remedy. You read this generous offer in the OAKLAND DAILY TRIBUNE.

ASSISTANT ADEE'S COURSE APPROVED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Francis B. Loomis, the Assistant Secretary of State, whose address before the Quill Club of New York on December 15th, created a profound impression in diplomatic circles, has returned to Washington, and is Acting Secretary of State today in the absence of Secretary Hay, who is recovering from an attack of grippe. Mr. Loomis held a conference with Mr. Ade, the Second Assistant Secretary, regarding the Turkish situation, which became acute while Mr. Loomis was in New York. The diplomatic instructions which Mr. Ade sent to Mr. Loomis to demand an apology and reparation of the Porte for the treatment of Consul Davis, received Mr. Loomis' hearty approval and he is prepared to push the matter vigorously.

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RUSSIAN DRAFT NOT ACCEPTABLE.

LONDON, December 17.—The Associated Press is informed that an intimation has been received here in official quarters from Japan that the Russian draft of the proposed agreement is not acceptable. The Japanese government further negotiations on important questions of principle will be necessary before the Japanese and Russian officials in London, however, maintain the view that they expect to reach a settlement by December 14, that a distinct step towards peace has been made and they remain optimistic in regard to an ultimate specific settlement.

SURRENDERS AFTER ALL NIGHT SEIGE.

RIVERHEAD, L. I., Dec. 17.—Tutill Reeve, the demented farmer who yesterday shot and killed a deputy sheriff while the latter was trying to serve an execution of a debt at his home here, surrendered today after an all-night siege. Although Reeve had fired a number of shots from the house in which he was barricaded, none of the besiegers were wounded. Reeve was wounded by the fire of the posse which surrounded the house, and was shut in several places, but his wounds are not serious.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk today:
John Anderson, San Francisco.....41
Mattie C. Wilson, San Francisco.....37
Charles J. Billington, Oakland.....36
Lester Morgan, San Francisco.....24
Robert L. Eakin, San Francisco, over 21
Lillian M. Stamer, Alameda, over 18
Robert E. Grubb, Oakland.....23
Lucille L. Benjamin, Oakland.....24
William G. Sinclair, Oakland, over 21
Irene O. Still, Oakland, over 18

SHE DIED SUDDENLY.

SAN LEANDRO, December 17.—Mrs. Eliza Lane died suddenly at her home last evening at 8 o'clock. Coroner Melchman found the body this morning and Deputy Morgan at 11 o'clock. The woman was 70 years old and has been ill for some time. She refused to have a physician brought in, and died in the arms of her neighbors. The deceased has a son and a daughter, with whom she lived.

COL. ESHelman DEAD.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 17.—Colonel B. F. Eshelman, judge-advocate general of the Pennsylvania National Guard, died today, aged 56 years.

RAIN IN SOUTH.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., Dec. 17.—Rain fell last night in heavy showers and it is still cloudy. Rain is very much needed throughout the county, as dairy lands are suffering.

WOMEN ARE NOT BLAMED

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The custody of funds that should be in the sole charge of the treasurer. While it is necessary for the secretary to handle money, all checks and moneys received by the University should go through the hands of the treasurer and be paid out by him for specific objects in the nature of current obligations. The money handled by the secretary should be paid to him by the treasurer and should be promptly accounted for by vouchers showing disbursement. A better system of auditing, accounting and bookkeeping will soon be inaugurated.

"I cannot state yet what action will be taken to restore the money embezzled by McKown. It comprised trust funds that the State should make good in justice to the donors. The State is under a moral obligation to provide funds donated or devoted to the University for specific purposes, and this should be done as a matter of public policy. McKown confined his speculations to funds that came to the University in the way of gifts and a special sacredness attaches to such funds. Trust funds of this character should have been studied by a trusted officer of the University as one of the most shocking features of the affair. I think the other Regents agree with me as to this aspect of the case. Until all the details are ascertained fully, however, and the Regents have had an opportunity to advise with each other, I can offer no suggestion as to how the deficit in the special funds is to be met. It makes me sick to think of it."

HIS MEMORY FAILS.

Despite the fact that the defaulter did his best to collect fragments of memory in a vain effort to fully explain how he had mislaid his accounts, his recollection could not stretch over the full period of seven years. McKown vaguely knew that he had taken money sent to him to go into private business and had squandered it on the races. The thefts were too numerous to be recalled in detail even by a trained mind like his own.

APPOINT EXPERT ACCOUNTANT.

To expedite the work of straightening out the tangled investing the failed account, Mr. McLaren has been appointed by the Regents an expert accountant. Mr. McLaren is now busy engaged with the force in the secretary's office. It will be several days before the crooked accounts are put into anything like a tangible form.

WILL BE PUNISHED.

That the scandal will be sifted to the bottom and the defaulter punished to the full extent of the law is the declaration made by Regent A. W. Foster, who said: "The amount of the defalcation is not yet known, though it will reach considerably beyond what was first believed to have been the loss. We know that the recent delinquencies in the University were not due to any lack of ability on the part of the defaulter, but to a complete lack of honesty. He is completely broken down and is willing to take his punishment, as a prosecutor must follow. He says he squandered the whole amount that he stole at the racetrack."

HIS DOUBLE LIFE.

Although McKown's double life was known to a large number of people in University circles, the breaking of the scandal came as a great surprise to William J. Smith, with whom he has lived for the last fifteen years on Fenwood avenue, Berkeley. Smith, who accompanied McKown to Wheeler's house when he made the confession, said: "I cannot credit the story, even though it comes from McKown's own lips. It is utterly at variance to all that I have ever known of his character. He has been, as far as I have ever been able to see, a faithful University officer, hard working and painstaking. Many a night I know positively he stayed with his books in the office all night, catching up with the work. His habits have been quiet and orderly, and he never gave either my wife or myself any reason to believe that he was guilty of the vices that are now credited to him. I would have staked my word on it that McKown was essentially honest and that he could not willfully steal."

HE OWNED HORSES.

When McKown was first thrust to the race track he had two or three fast horses of his own, which he occasionally raced. But he could not devote the time to their care so he disposed of them.

STUDENTS MAY SUFFER.

It is more than probable that a number of students who were dependent on scholarships bestowed by McKown may be forced to leave college unless the deficit is made up through an appropriation by the Regents or the friends of McKown.

NOTHING PRETTIER IN THE CITY.

Oakland Has Finest Curtain Store in State.

The Curtain Store at Fourteenth and Franklin streets has no equal in California. Curtains, of all kinds and here where you find the latest creations in curtain making and drapery.

GUilty OF MURDER.

PUEBLO, Colo., December 17.—After a sensational trial before a jury in the District Court, Mrs. L. Carls Johnson, a female doctor, was today pronounced guilty of murder in the second degree for performing a criminal operation upon Mrs. Pearl Gordon, wife of a United States recruiting officer.

HEARING RESUMED TODAY.

NEW YORK, December 17.—The hearing on the application to make a permanent receivership on the United States Shipbuilding Company was resumed today. Charles Steele, a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Company, being on the witness stand for a short examination as to the connection of that firm with the profits of the shipbuilding company and the sale to it of the Bethlehem steel plant.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents.

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That handsome assortment of Christmas boxes, filled with first quality candies, fruit like the designs. Stanford's, 39 San Pablo avenue, corner, Fourteenth and Broadway.

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Received as a Xmas gift is always acceptable by young and old. All latest styles, \$1.00 up. Great Photo Supply Co., 470 Thirteenth street, Oakland.

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From Now Till Christmas

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HOLIDAY PRESENTS—EASY TO SELECT.

All on tables at the following prices: 5c, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 25c, 35c, 45c, 75c, 95c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.95, \$2.25 and \$2.45.

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THE HOUSE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY.

IS TAKING X RAY TREATMENT.

GEN. LEW WALLACE SUFFERING FROM CANCER IN NOSE.

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Christmas Purses & Leather Goods

Its connection with the best New York houses and its direct importations from Paris give the department devoted to leather goods, umbrellas, perfumes, toilet articles, photograph frames and small jewelry, a distinct advantage. In choosing a gift at its counters, one may be assured that it is something unique, original and appropriate.

Purses

Our fall importation from the continent include any number of genuine French and German purses, unique in design and finish. They are wholly unlike any seen on the coast. Prices range from \$2.00 to \$13.50 each. Combination purses in black, tan, gray or green...50c each.

Suit Cases

Wide opportunity for choice and taste as regards leather, fittings, size and price, is given by the Taft & Pennoyer showing of men's and women's suit cases. There are cases of canvas, cloth-covered cases, and those of leather, lined either with canvas, satin or pig skin, and many of them hand-somely fitted with leather accessories.

Christmas Special—For our holiday customers we have secured a number of priced cases of undomestic value. It is either of tan or brown sole leather, trimmed with brass—22, 24, 26 inches long...\$5.00.

Wrist and Opera Bags

The addition of the liberal purchases of our Parisian buyers to the already superb collection of wrist and opera bags we had secured in New York, places our stock of these articles far in advance of any other both as regards variety of styles and beauty of designs. In our windows and show cases we display over three hundred styles and shapes in all kinds of leather and in magnificent silks, richly beaded, jeweled and trimmed. Many of the more expensive bags are mounted with great elaboration. They range in price from...50c to \$75.00 each.

Square automobile bag with inside purse in black, tan, gray, and brown. Frames are either of gilt, nickel or gun metal finish, and the leather is wadded grain—an unusual value for 50c.

Another wrist bag which combines exceptional value with low price is one to be had either in walrus, seal or satin and in tan, gray, black, blue, red and green. Its value is...\$1.00.

Automobile or carriage bags in satin and walrus and black, tan, blue, gray, red and green, with chain or leather handles—a Christmas special at...\$1.75.

TAFT & PENNOYER

Broadway at Fourteenth

Children's Umbrellas

The Taft & Pennoyer stock was selected with the care of the Christmas shopper in view. It includes umbrellas of every size and material and a bewildering variety of handles at prices from...50c to \$16.50 each.

Ladies' Umbrellas

An umbrella of fine silk cloth cover, Panama frame, and pearl, bone, silver and natural wood handles—splendid Christmas gift—worth \$2.50 for...\$1.00.

Men's Umbrellas

Our assortment of men's umbrellas includes all qualities of covers, with straight, gun metal, bone and ivory handles—from...60c to \$16.50.

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TURKEY MUST TAKE ACTION.

State Department Will
Back Our Consul for
His Action.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Acting Secretary of State Adams has taken a firm stand in the matter of the assault upon United States Consul Davis by Turkish officials and police at Alexandretta. He has cabled Minister Leishman at Constantinople to present the facts to the Turkish Government and informed that Government that the case is one seeming to invite an expression of regret and reparation. The State Department does not indicate that any measure of reparation is expected, but it is expected the Turkish Government will be required to otherwise punish the offending Attarian officials and compensate Attarian for the losses and injuries he has sustained.

NO FOOTBALL.

BERKELEY, December 16.—The football game between the eleven of the University of California and the University of Minnesota, which was to have been played on New Year's Day, has been called off.

TO HAVE WARSHIP.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—As a result of Minister Leishman's advice respecting the Alexandretta affair, the State Department has requested the Navy Department to place a warship at the disposal of Consul Davis, now at Beirut, upon which he might return to Alexandretta at his pleasure. The Navy Department accordingly cabled instructions to Admiral Cotten on board the flagship Brooklyn at Alexandretta, to place a vessel at the disposal of Mr. Davis. It is believed that the Brooklyn will be selected. It is left to the consul to arrange the terms of his reception.

SAN JOAQUIN'S CASE.
SAN FRANCISCO, December 16.—The Supreme Court has rendered its decision today in the case of Mary versus Mann, an action originally brought before the Superior Court of Sacramento by the plaintiff to acquire the title to certain agricultural lands on the San Joaquin River. The decision of the lower court in favor of the plaintiff is sustained.

CHINESE HELD FOR MURDER.

Highbinders Will
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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Three Chinese highbinders of the Hop Sing Tong were taken before Police Judge J. Fritz on the charge of murder this morning. Later United States Court Commissioner Heacock issued warrants for four more Chinese, who with the three to be tried for murder, comprise the gang captured in a den on Dupont street yesterday, charging that they are illegally living in the United States and intended to procure their deportation. This action disposes of the mysterious crowd of young Chinese who were arrested on the third floor of the Dupont street after the police had chopped a hole through the wall in order to gain admittance. They all belong to the Hop Sing Tong, and it is believed that they are the men who were selected to do the killing during the highbinder war now raging between the Hop Sing and Sen Suoy Yings.

WARSHIPS ARRIVE.

HONOLULU, December 16.—The Raleigh, Cincinnati, Albany and Pomphrey of the United States Northern Asiatic Squadron, under command of Rear-Admiral Cooper, arrived here today from Yokohama via Midway Island.

Later in the day Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet, arrived on the flagship Kentucky, accompanied by the battleships Oregon and Wisconsin.

SIMON MACK ELECTED.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 16.—Simon Mack has been elected secretary of the California Stock and Oil Exchange, filling the vacancy caused by the death of H. L. Coma.

TOD SLOAN'S CASE.
PARIS, December 16.—The stewards of the French Jockey Club have entered an appeal in the case of Tod Sloan, the American jockey, who obtained a verdict of costs against the Jockey Club in his suit for \$40,000 damages for being warned off the turf in connection with Rose de France, the winning of the Prix de Diane at Chantilly in May last.

MINERS RETURN TO WORK.

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SUTTER CREEK, Cal., Dec. 16.—At a meeting of Sutter Creek Union, Western Federation of Miners last night, it was voted to declare the strike off at the South Yuba mine. The three men who were discharged will not be taken back. It being claimed that a satisfactory reason was given for their discharge. One of the engineers belonging to the Western Federation of Miners was called out shortly after the strike was declared November 16th. He will not be employed again. The reason given being that they were members of the Engineers' Union and not subject to order from the Western Federation of Miners.

NO TROUBLE.

STOCKTON, Dec. 16.—The threatened demonstration at Milton today on the part of the striking Hudson miners upon the appearance of the United States deputy marshal with restraining orders, did not take place. Only one deputy marshal appeared, and all is quiet. The men have not congregated at Milton and some have scattered considerably. The threatened attempt to force a session of the mine did not take place, and there is an easier feeling at Milton and at the mine, though both sides are still watching.

M'KOWEN COULD NOT APPEAR.

When the suit of the University of California against W. A. Knowles et al., was called this afternoon, it had to be postponed owing to the fact that W. A. McKowen, secretary of the Board of Regents, was unable to be present. It is supposed that his absence is due to the trouble that he is in at the University in regard to the alleged defalcation of University money. The suit is brought against Knowles to foreclose a mortgage on property in the Piedmont district valued at about \$10,000.

RAILROAD CASE.

The hearing of the suit of the Southern Pacific Railway Company to condemn the property belonging to Gretchen Feldman and others for the purposes of a freight depot on Fifth street, between Cypress and Folsom streets, was continued before Judge Ogden this morning. The property has been owned by the defendants for the last twenty years and they are now asking about double what the land originally cost. Louis Feldman, the plaintiff, said that he considered the land to be worth \$30,000. Twenty years ago this same land was bought for \$1,000. The present valuation is \$10,000. The suit is for the amount of interest on the original investment has returned.

NEW DECISION.

BAKERSFIELD, December 16.—The Supreme Court has rendered a decision of oil lands, the lines of the government survey are to be followed even though the amount thus enclosed may exceed 160 acres and may also be left outside the claim stakes set up by the locators. The decision was given in the case of Mrs. J. N. Crawford vs. The Kern Oil Company, in favor of the company and overrules the Superior Court of this county. The land involved is in the heart of the Kern River District, all of which is located in the local stakes set up by the company's locators and part of which is in excess of the 160 acres in the section. Application for a rehearing is to be filed. Many claims are affected by the decision.

WILL REVOKE ALL THE PERMITS.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 16.—President Spear of the State Board of Harbor Commissioners today said that the permits of all the produce commission merchants to do business on the State wharves will be revoked by the State Board of Harbor Commissioners if the merchants do not agree to a desire to act an immediate hearing of the cases in court. Should they do this the board will wait until the court renders its opinion.

ALL IS QUIET.

STOCKTON, December 16.—There is no change this morning in the situation at Hudson, and a special telephone message to the Mail states that all is quiet at the Royal mine. The strikers and the mine owners are on the alert, however, and each is prepared for any move the other may make. The Mail's informant, while stating that there was no change in the situation, said there was a feeling that there would be trouble upon the arrival of the train at 2:30 this afternoon, when the United States marshals and deputies are expected to arrive with the restraining orders issued against the strikers by the United States Circuit Judge at San Francisco.

PROHIBITION CONVENTION.

CHICAGO, December 16.—The Prohibition National Committee which met here today, set June 21 as the date of holding the National convention. Speeches were made in behalf of Los Angeles, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Columbus, Buffalo, Baltimore, and Detroit for the location. The report of the treasurer shows \$3,500 in the treasury for the Presidential campaign of 1904. The total representation at the meeting, including proxies, was forty-six.

KILLED BY LONG FALL.

AGED WOMAN WALKS OUT OF SECOND STORY WINDOW.

Anna Scherb, a native of Switzerland, aged 75 years and 7 months, met with a violent death this morning at the German Altenheim in Fruitvale, of which institution for the aged, she had been an inmate for some time. About 1:30, Mrs. Bergin, one of the attendants, heard the old lady, whose eyesight was very bad, moving about in her room in the second story, immediately over that occupied by the lady named, and the bedroom window thrown open. Mrs. Bergin hastily ran to her own window intending to call to Mrs. Scherb and warn her to be careful. Upon reaching it she was horrified to see Mrs. Scherb's body falling by her own window. The old lady fell a distance of nearly forty feet and was in tautly killed. She struck upon the face and chest. The face was badly disfigured and several ribs were broken. The coroner, after hearing the statement of the accident from the Altenheim officials, permitted her remains to be taken to the German burial home. An autopsy was made at 4 p. m. today and inquest will be held this evening. So far as known the deceased has no relatives in this country.

WATER RECESSES.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 16.—The Sea of Azof is disappearing and remarkable scenes are in course of enactment. At Laganrog the waters have receded so much that the sea is visible for a distance of thousands of feet. High winds hurl clouds of sand shoreward, covering the town. Vessels are lying high and dry and the greatest confusion prevails in the harbor. Work in the factories has had to be reduced to a minimum, owing to the lack of water.

RAIN AT SAN JOSE.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 16.—After many weeks of dry weather, the rain began coming down in earnest this forenoon. The barometer is falling and the prospects for a heavy downpour were never better. Much good has already been done, and a good soaking now will give the farmers opportunity to finish work. The rain could not come at a more opportune time. The fall to date amounts to 2.45 inches.

TO QUIET TITLE.

Suit to quiet title to several lots of land in Fruitvale was begun this morning by Louise Wuescher against H. E. Joseph N. Swanson, 1517 Third street. Mr. Joseph N. Swanson, 1517 Third street, the plaintiff claims that she is entitled to the property and asks that an adverse claim set forth by the defendant be presented to the court for determination.

SHE TOLD FORTUNES.

Mrs. Lizzie Lovell, an old lady aged 64 years, who was telling fortunes in the neighborhood of Stanford and San Pablo avenues yesterday afternoon, was arrested by Officer Thompson for violation of the license ordinance. She was released on furnishing bonds in the sum of \$100.

BIRTHS REPORTED.

Health Officer records note births to date in the following families: Thomas Ford, 434 Franklin, a son; James M. Murphy, 1470 Seventh avenue, a son; Joseph N. Swanson, 1517 Third street, a son; John Lowry, 1416 Broadway, a son; Herman Bahis, 450 Linden, a daughter.

EPIDEMIC MOST SEVERE.

NEW YORK, December 16.—Dr. George A. Soper, a sanitary expert, expressed by the Engineering News to investigate the typhoid epidemic at Butler Pa., and its causes, reports that the epidemic has been traced to the city of Erie, Pa. He says the epidemic is the most severe of typhoid of recent record and attributes it to the suspension of the chemical filtration of the city water supply. Money is urgently needed for the relief of the sick and destitute, he reports.

LONDON, December 16.—In consequence of the reduction of wages by the United States Steel Corporation, the Scotch steel-makers are negotiating with a view of fixing selling prices and amending the wage scale.

TREATY AT HAND.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—An expressman brought the Hay-Bunau-Varilla canal treaty, inclosed in a large box, to the State Department today. He also had two tin bound boxes which contained keys to the big steel box and to the smaller box contained within, enclosing the treaty. Until the boxes are opened by the State Department officials, it is not yet whether the enclosed treaty is the original treaty drawn here, countersigned in Panama and returned, or whether it is the ordinary ratification treaty signed at Panama. Mr. Stephen B. Varilla will retain the technical charge of the treaty until the United States has either approved or rejected it. If the treaty is approved, he will exchange the copy with one prepared by the State Department, thus completing the negotiations and putting the convention at once into force.

COLD IN TH BET.

CALCUTTA, December 16.—The British expedition which entered Tibet after having crossed the Jelep Pass at 14,350 feet above sea level, and reached Ruchiangong, on its way to the Chumbi Valley, met with immense transport difficulties. The cold was intense, 46 degrees of frost being registered, but the Indian bullock transports suffered and anthrax broke out among the Nepalese bullocks. Besides the native 1,000 troops, British artillerymen, a machine gun and the Norfolk regiment, two 7-pounders and a machine gun, form part of the expedition.

ATHENS, Greece, December 16.—The cabinet has resigned, the premier being unable to find sufficient support in the chamber of deputies to carry out his policy.

WHAT IT COSTS TO RUN CITY.

The fourteenth annual report of the Auditor of the city has just been issued in printed form for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903. The recapitulation of expenditures is classified under the following heads for convenience of reference, and the amounts disbursed are noted herewith: For maintenance of government, divided into (a) legislative, (b) general executive, (c) legal, (d) financial system, (e) municipal elections, the ordinary expenditures were \$58,423.64, and the extraordinary \$26,383.41. For public safety—police, fire department, fire and police telegraph, police court, the pound, justice's court, and health department—the ordinary expense was \$236,518.42, and the extraordinary \$17,608.97. For public convenience—streets, sewers, parks, boulevard, street lighting, wharf—the ordinary were \$295,205.05; the extraordinary \$49,644.05. For care of certain classes—city prisoners and Associated Charities—the disbursements were ordinary, only, and amounted to \$1,436.00. For higher objects—Free Library, reading rooms, schools—the ordinary was \$91,210.28, the extraordinary \$4,900.02. For payment on bonded debt and interest, the disbursement was ordinary, \$55,275, extraordinary \$3,000. There was also paid from State and county funds for the additional support of schools on ordinary account, \$253,910, and extraordinary \$22,475.97, making the total ordinary expenditure, \$914,984.19, and the total extraordinary expenditures \$134,012.42, a grand total of \$1,048,996.61 paid out for city expenditures during the fiscal year.

At the beginning of the year there was a balance on hand of \$160,556.21. The total receipts were \$715,556.40, and the balance on hand June 30th to be the present fiscal year was \$32,889.49. The earnings from licenses were: Billiard and pool table, \$622; business, \$3,950; dog tags, \$3,482.50; liquor, \$34,935; pawnbrokers, \$41; peddlers, \$45,557.50; vehicles, \$1,176; Oakland Transit, portion of earnings, \$1,125.58; a total of \$117,422.56. The Port has complained to the United States that the acting official at the American Consulate in Alexandretta are preventing the embarkation of Attarian, the naturalized American whose recent arrest caused Consul Davis to leave Alexandretta, for whom the Porte instructed the local authorities to obtain a passport on an Italian steamer at the cost of the Government. It was the opinion of the Porte that the embarkation of Attarian would cause the principal cause of complaint. The litigation has not yet presented any demands for reparation. The United States flagship Brooklyn left Beirut December 14. It was said she was en route to Egyptian waters for gun practice.

AT BUENOS AYRES.
BUENOS AYRES, Argentina, Dec. 16.—The auxiliary screw steamer Scotia which left the Clyde November 3, 1902, for the Antarctic regions, with a number of the members of the Scottish National Antarctic Association on board, has arrived here from the Antarctic region. The vessel will remain at Buenos Ayres a week, after which she will return to the Falkland Islands, where six members of the expedition will remain in charge of the meteorological station. The expedition reached Lat. 70.25 South.

PORTER COMPLAINS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 16.—The Porte has complained to the United States that the acting official at the American Consulate in Alexandretta are preventing the embarkation of Attarian, the naturalized American whose recent arrest caused Consul Davis to leave Alexandretta, for whom the Porte instructed the local authorities to obtain a passport on an Italian steamer at the cost of the Government. It was the opinion of the Porte that the embarkation of Attarian would cause the principal cause of complaint. The litigation has not yet presented any demands for reparation. The United States flagship Brooklyn left Beirut December 14. It was said she was en route to Egyptian waters for gun practice.

BANK IS ROBBED.
QUIMBY, Ia., December 16.—The Bank of Quimby has been robbed of \$5,000. The crooksmen escaped.

FLOTILLA SAILS.
PORT ROYAL, S. C., December 16.—The torpedo boat flotilla, which is usually destined for Manila, sailed for Key West from here today.

CHOLERA IN TURKEY.
CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 16.—An epidemic of cholera is raging at Korbela, south of Bagdad. From December 9 to December 15, there have been 10 deaths from the disease were recorded.

OFFERED A BRIBE.
KANBAC CITY, Mo., December 16.—Mayor J. R. Gubert of Kansas City, Kan., testifying before the Grand Jury in that city today, is said to have told of being offered \$5000 by the Brick Paving Trust, so called, to appoint as City Engineer a man who would favor the trust in awarding of contracts. This was the second time, according to Mayor Gubert, testimony that he had been offered a bribe.

WAR WILL NOT OCCUR.
PARIS, December 16.—Well informed diplomatic circles believe that despite the discouraging news regarding the Russo-Japanese situation, that war will not occur.

EUGENE DETELS DEAD.
Eugene J. Detels, long and well known in this city, died yesterday in the German Hospital in San Francisco, aged 48 years and 10 months. He leaves a widow and three children. The funeral will take place in this city tomorrow, with interment at St. Mary's cemetery.

Christmas Gift.
Of a Kodak is always acceptable. A good camera for \$1.00 up. First Photo Supply Co., 475 Thirteenth street, Oakland.

Merry Christmas Day will be here in a short time. Like the bargains at H. Schellhays, they are here but they are going. Do not fail to secure a Rocker, Rug or Foot-rest. Corner store, Eleventh street.

Odd Pieces of Furniture.
At Odd Fellows' Building, H. Schellhays' store, Eleventh street.

DIED.
ATKINS—In this city, December 16, 1903, Eddie Atkins, better known as Eddie Smith, beloved son of Mrs. Mary A. Atkins and the late George H. Atkins, brother of Mrs. Emily Erick, Percy and Charles Atkins and James and Henry Atkins, a native of San Francisco, aged 33 years and 14 days. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral at his mother's residence, 661 Magnolia street, Oakland, tomorrow (Friday), December 18, 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m.

It is a beautiful thing for a grocer to do, to sell Schilling's Best; for the goods are good and the dealing is high; there's nothing higher in business.



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MRS. MANNING IS ELECTED PRESIDENT.

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KILLED AN OFFICER.

RIVERHEAD, L. I., December 16.—William L. Rufford, a deputy sheriff was shot and killed today by Tuttle Reeves, whom he was trying to arrest. The murderer dragged the body out of the house, barricaded the doors and windows and armed with a double barreled shotgun, prepared to resist arrest.

CLAIMS ARE VERIFIED.
THE HAGUE, December 16.—With the exception of France, all the powers interested in the Venezuelan arbitration have forwarded to the tribunal a notification of the verification of the claims by the Caracas commission. Judgment will be delivered in February.

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FRATERNAL NEWS OF THE WEEK.

LOCAL LODGES PLAN MANY EVENTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

HARBOR LODGE, No. 253, I. O. O. F. held a short business meeting Wednesday evening, December 16 after which the members had arranged to hold a whist tournament. The members and friends soon completed fifty tables and everyone enjoyed themselves. Playing was called at 10:45, some twenty games having been played. Twelve prizes were distributed among the winners. Harbor will confer the second degree on next Wednesday evening, December 23—Visitors cordially welcome. Come and see Harbor's frisky cat.

NEWSBOYS' ELECT OFFICERS.

The Newsboys' Union met last night at Becker's hall. The following were elected for one year. President, William Jacobs; vice president, Walter Brier; financial secretary, J. M. Schwab; recording secretary, F. J. Perkins; treasurer, W. P. Perry; business agents, W. W. Brown and J. M. Wright; sergeant at arms, George Puod; delegate to labor council, James King; inspector, Omar Cogger; executive committee, F. J. Perkins, Willie Jacobs, Walter Brier, J. M. Schwab, J. J. Wright and James King.

WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT.

On Saturday evening, December 19, Oakland Circle, 266, Women of Woodcraft, will entertain the officers and members of Martinez Circle. They have been recently organized and are anxious to see the initiatory work of Oakland Circle and the neighbors are earnestly requested to be present on that occasion and a pleasant evening is looked forward to.

The following are the newly elected officers: Past guardian, E. A. Turnbull; guardian neighbor, A. Macartney; adviser, W. Williams; clerk, C. A. Furo; banker, M. F. Boring; musician, L. Peterson; attendant, A. Rice; inner sentinel, K. Talbot; outer sentinel, J. Cruz; manager, E. M. Harlow; captain of guards, A. Miller; musician, A. B. Maker.

KINDERGARTEN EXERCISES.

The East Oakland Free Kindergarten will hold their usual Christmas exercises on Friday, December 18 at 1:30 p. m. at the Kindergarten rooms, corner of East Fourteenth street and Fifteenth avenue. The subscribers and any others interested in the work, are cordially invited to attend.

OAKLAND HIVE, No. 14.

The whist tournament held last Friday evening was a success unsurpassed by any previous function of its kind held by this hive. Twenty hands were played and all were thoroughly pleased.

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with the evening's entertainment, not excepting those who were fortunate winners of any one of the twelve prizes distributed.

At tomorrow evening's review it is expected that we will receive from the Supreme Commander permission to dispense with the reviews which would be held on Christmas and New Year's evenings, and hold one on the 30th inst. at which time the joint initiation will be held.

ORDER OF FORESTERS.

On Tuesday evening, January 12, the installation of officers of Court Oakland, No. 1237, Independent Order of Foresters, will take place at Foresters' Hall, Oakland. The installation ceremonies will be performed by the Board of Deputies. After the installation a banquet will be served to the members and visitors.

On Tuesday evening, December 29, High Vice Chief Ranger G. St. John will conduct the initiation ceremonies on the occasion of the initiation into the Independent Order of Foresters of the sixteen candidates whose applications they favorably received by Court Oakland No. 1237 at its last regular meeting.

The newly instituted Companion Court of Foresters, which has been recently brought into existence through the efforts of High Vice Ranger G. St. Stewart, will be the guests of Court Oakland No. 1237 at the installation of officers of that court on January 12.

UNITED WORKMEN

The Alameda County Extension Committee of this order met on Tuesday evening last at Keystone Lodge and there was a large representation of lodges. The members present were particularly interested in the re-adjustment which goes into effect on the 1st of January next. Grand Master Browning and Grand Organizer Freeman attended to inform the members on any points they wanted to have made clear. Many questions were asked by the members and satisfactorily answered by the officers named.

On the 4th of January next, this committee will meet to start the campaign for extension which is to be conducted by the Grand Lodge and Alameda County being the banner County of Workmen in the State has been selected as the starting point for a most vigorous canvass of the community in the interests of fraternal insurance.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen has been recognized by the leading life insurance companies as a direct competitor and its new rates place it as secure a footing as any of the old line companies; the work of the deputies is consequently very much easier than it was in the past, and a large increase of members may be expected in the immediate future, drawn from the ranks of those who want good, reliable insurance at a reasonable rate for the field work of the Workmen being less expensive than that of an old line company the cost of the insurance is just that much less to the members.

A large force of deputies will be placed in the field in Alameda County after the first of the year and any question consequent on the change recently instituted will be soon made up and a substantial increase of membership will result.

GOOD TEMPLARS.

Veteran Lodge, No. 7, I. O. G. T., now meets every Monday evening in California hall on Clay street.

The Veterans have been trying for some time to get a hall on Monday night as that was the only night that did not interfere with any of the members. Now that this has been accomplished, the officers and members are resolved to do some good work in the temperance movement.

At the last meeting of the lodge a committee was appointed to plan for an entertainment to be given after the holidays and to report at next meeting. All members are urged to be present at that time. Visitors from sister lodges are cordially invited to meet with the Veterans.

EL CAPITAN LODGE.

El Capitan Lodge, No. 221, I. O. G. T., meets this evening and will have initiation and other important business. El Capitan meets in Masonic Hall, Fruitvale, every first and third Thursday evenings the members assemble at some residence for a social time and for the good of the order. Visitors are cordially invited.

KNIGHTS OF ROYAL ARCH.

Oakland Lodge, No. 3, Knights of the Royal Arch, held a large and enthusiastic meeting last week and elected the following officers for the term beginning January 1, 1904: Valiant commander, D. Knabbe; lieutenant commander, J. F. Sheehan; treasurer, O. A. Smith; orator, J. S. Weiss; recorder, M. J. O'Garra; master of ceremonies, C. T. Hodgman; captain of guard, William P. Courtney; typist, N. B. Vill; attorney, Lin Church; advisor, Board, Sir Knights Hanrahan, Gior, Sigourney, Foster and Plac.

It was decided to give the second annual banquet on the evening of January 20. The banquet committee appointed is as follows: W. P. Courtney, chairman; C. T. Hodgman, secretary; and Sir Knabbe, Snodgrass, Hanrahan, Adams, Sigourney and Mantle.

FOUNTAIN LODGE, I. O. O. F.

Fountain Lodge, No. 193, I. O. O. F., at the last weekly meeting, having a press of degree work on hand, quickly dispatched the routine business and conferred the second degree on two candidates, elected a member for initiation and received two applications, which were referred to committees of investigation.

The second degree will also be conferred on quite a number of candidates at the next meeting. The members of the team are requested to report at 8 o'clock p. m. sharp. The Christmas holidays being near at hand, the widows of the deceased brothers were not forgotten and kindly greetings from the lodge members were sent to them.

THE FRATERNAL BROTHERHOOD.

Oakland Lodge, 123, Fraternal Brotherhood, held its regular weekly meeting at Woodman Hall Friday evening, December 11. After the business meeting the members indulged in dancing. Friday evening the 18th, will be open meeting. Friends of the members will be invited to attend. Excellent music will be furnished by the lodge orchestra.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

Forest Camp, 102, Woodmen of the World, held its regular meeting Monday night. The officers for the ensuing year have been nominated and elected. Arrangements are being made whereby the officers of Foresta Circle and Forest Camp will hold joint installations of officers. Neighbor George Carter, who has been in Alaska for the past five months, returned and he attended camp Monday evening. The camp has decided not to hold any Christmas services or have any tree this year as has usually been done. Neighbor Palmer is still confined to his home and will not be able to go to work before the first of the year. Past Consul Hughes of Forest has accepted an invitation to install the officers of Cerita Camp of Berkeley.

OAKLAND LODGE, I. O. G. T.

Oakland Lodge, No. 162, I. O. G. T., held its regular session December 11, the first team initiating one candidate. At the next session, Friday, December 15, gifts will be received and a box made up to cheer the Good Templar orphans at

Vallejo. All toys or gifts of any kind from any one will be welcome and may be left at Ben Hur Hall Friday evening.

ALCATRAZ LODGE, F. AND A. M. Alcatraz Lodge, No. 244 Free and Accepted Masons, will hold an installation of officers and banquet this evening at Alcatraz Masonic Hall. The following officers will be installed: Warren Guice, master; David Frank, senior ward; Alfred Peacock, junior ward; Daniel Robertson, treasurer; Herbert Atheron, Glines, secretary; Cornelius White, chaplain; William Gardner, Davidson, senior deacon; William John Lawry, junior deacon; Alvin Eugene Tarr, marshal; John Crossman, steward; David Elmer Parker, Steward; Sidney Herbert Farrell, Tyler.

CALANTHE TEMPLE, R. S. Calanthe Temple, Rathbone Sisters, will give a social dance this evening at Lehigh Castle.

A good orchestra will furnish music and an enjoyable occasion is assured. The management committee is composed of Brothers Steele, Adams and Bruce and Sisters Holland, Gilman, Spencer, Thomas, Riddle and Wilson.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

METROPOLE—H. M. Morse and wife, New York.
TOURNAINE—S. C. Moore and wife, Vacaville; W. Coonan, Yuba.
BALANY—A. Johnson, Jr. J. C. Shafter, G. Belo, J. B. Gallet, San Francisco; Esch Calmes, F. Hennassy, Oakland; Shafter Aldrich, Sacramento.
CHOLLIN—G. A. Lamb, St. Joe; W. A. Muller, San Francisco; M. J. Maloney, St. Joseph; Mrs. J. G. Nichols, A. C. Day, Oakland; J. C. Campbell, Maxwell; A. J. McCle, Detroit; M. J. O'Connell, New York.

GALINDO—H. N. Pedersen, R. W. Taylor, San Francisco; J. S. J. Rubaker, Oakland; F. A. Carmett, Da Villa.
BRUNSWICK—F. Rhode, Oakland; W. A. Haynes, Bolser; Mrs. J. C. Knust, Richmond; C. K. Mack.

ARLINGTON—A. C. Pearson, Mrs. W. D. Grantham, —, Mrs. W. S. Baggott, San Luis Obispo; E. F. and, Oakland; Miss Campbell, Mrs. Fott.

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A DISINGENUOUS DEFENSE.

The Stockton Independent rushes to the defense of General Wood in a lengthy article, which nowhere meets the charges brought against that officer. It is a tissue of platitudes and impertinences.

First, the Independent calls the opponents of the General's confirmation "enemies of the President and General Wood." This assumes that no one can criticize General Wood without showing enmity toward the President. This is an old trick of those who wish to evade an issue.

Second, the Stockton paper assumes that the only serious objection to General Wood's confirmation is due to the mistaken idea that he is being unfairly jumped over the heads of others more deserving officers. This is another man of straw set up to draw attention from the real objection to putting Wood in a position that will soon make him the head of the army.

Now Wood stands charged with various offenses against official propriety and the military code of honor. Are these charges true or false? Did he grant a concession for a gambling game in violation of the Foraker Act and did he receive from the grantees a present valued at \$5000? Did he prompt articles derogatory to his superior officers? Was he insubordinate and did he conspire to have other officers relieved of their commands that his intrigues might proceed without hindrance? Is he untruthful in his official relations?

These are the serious charges against General Wood. It is no answer to say that men who make them are enemies of the President. No doubt the President considered General Wood a maligned man when he renominated him for a Major General's commission, but the facts may be contrary to the President's belief. At any rate, the assumption that the President's belief should be a bar to criticism and inquiry is ridiculous. President Roosevelt is not a man to object to having the facts known. Besides, General Wood can not be vindicated till these charges are met and disposed of. Innocence has nothing to fear from an investigation, hence the effort to stifle inquiry and discredit evidence without disproving it is serving neither the President nor General Wood a good turn, nor is good faith shown by raising false issues instead of meeting the true ones.

BETTER DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION.

The Democrats in Congress have long been in need of better discipline. In both houses they have been a badly disorganized force ever since Cleveland forced through the bill to repeal the Sherman Act. The passage of the Wilson bill further demoralized the party and destroyed its cohesion. An effort is now made to restore discipline by making the caucus rule imperative. The Democratic Senators have adopted a rule requiring implicit obedience to any program agreed upon by two-thirds of their number in caucus. This will enable the party to present a solid front on questions of public policy, and promotes a sense of party responsibility and an effective solidarity.

Should the Democrats in the House follow the example of their party associates in the Senate, the party may again become a formidable opposition. The Democrats have able and adroit leaders in both Chambers, Senator Gorman and Congressman Williams both understand the value of organization and the effectiveness of being compact. Under Bailey and Richardson the minority in the House became an undisciplined mob. With Gorman, Hill, Brice and Harris out of the Senate, they had no effective organization in that body. Jones of Arkansas and Cockrell were good enough in their way, but they never caught the hang of handling a minority so as to make it an effective opposition. It requires practical politicians to do that, men not overburdened with sentiment or imagination, but who are shrewd organizers and adroit tacticians. Of such the Democrats have been in great lack of late years. They now show some signs of getting back to their old form.

Organization and caucus rule come in for a deal of denunciation from the mugwump press, but they are as necessary in a parliamentary government by parties as discipline is to an army. In fact parliamentary proceedings under our system is a war between opposing elements, none the less bitter and tense because it is fought with brains and tongues instead of swords and cannon. It is fought in accordance with certain prescribed rules, just as prize-fights are fought or football games contested. It is a war of contending ideas battling for opposing theories. When organization is most perfect, party responsibility for legislation is most pronounced, and the public is given a better opportunity to judge of the merits of the policies of the two parties in their practical application.

Thanks to her ample rail and water communications Oakland does not feel the pinch of the San Francisco fruit combine. We have wholesale commis-

sion firms who receive their consignments of produce direct from the fields and orchards. To this fact we owe our freedom from the predaceous hand of commission men across the bay. There is still some buying in San Francisco by Oakland retailers, but it is unreticulated; and the commission merchants of the metropolis have to make their quotations to Oakland dealers on the basis of competition with the wholesalers on this side the bay. Hence the prices of fruit and produce in this city are uniformly lower than in San Francisco. Thus the local consumers derive a distinct benefit from the fact that Oakland has become a wholesale center for the fruit and vegetable trade.

THE FISH NUISANCE IN THE FERRY DEPOT.

The Merchants' Exchange have decided to call the attention of the San Francisco Harbor Board to the nuisance of allowing fish and other offensive commodities to be handled in the ferry building. The protest is a timely one, and will doubtless receive consideration at the hands of the Commissioners.

A very large proportion of the patrons of the ferries live in Oakland, and it is therefore quite proper for an Oakland civic organization to rectify what comes very near being a public nuisance. The handling of fish and other bad smelling articles is a nuisance to the traveling public and an offense against the fitness of things. The whole air of the ferry building gets tainted with unpleasant odors wholly incongruous with the surroundings. The ferry building is essentially a passenger depot. It was constructed to accommodate the travelling public, and not to be used for the handling of merchandise that disgusts the sight and offends the sense of smell. It often occurs that passengers coming off a boat are saluted by disgusting stench arising from fish or decayed vegetables. This should not be permitted in a public building designed specifically for the accommodation of travelers.

The present Harbor Board has exhibited both zeal and energy in correcting abuses, and it can be confidently relied on to abate the fish and vegetable nuisance in the ferry building.

COMFORT FOR CHAMBERLAIN.

Advocates of the Chamberlain tariff program in England are greatly heartened by the conservative victories in the Dulwich and Camberwell Parliamentary divisions. The free traders are somewhat depressed by the defeat of the Liberal candidates. When the returns are examined, however, they give no indication of a Chamberlain triumph. Dulwich and Camberwell are both Conservative strongholds, and in the election just held Conservatives succeeded Conservatives. Consequently the Dutch have simply held that portion of Holland—and by a greatly increased majority.

In Dulwich the Conservative majority fell from 2030 to 1437 and in Camberwell it declined from 2500 to 2012. This ratio of loss, if carried into all the Parliamentary divisions of the kingdom, would sweep the Conservatives out of power and insure the defeat of Chamberlain and Balfour who are polling at separate strings of the same yarn.

Nevertheless the result of the two bye elections is a distinct encouragement to Chamberlain supporters; but that it is such an encouragement may be taken as an evidence of the low ebb at which their hopes previously were. In one respect at least, the Liberals have been given a disagreeable shock. They are rattled and somewhat worried at the skill and resource displayed by Chamberlain in making a popular campaign. His adroitness is equal to his ability, and that is saying a good deal for Chamberlain in an able man of a not altogether admirable or high type, but still a force that compels the respect that is commanded by well-directed energy.

Now comes Senator Heyburn of Idaho with a proposition to annex San Domingo. It is not an alluring scheme. We have about all the benevolent assimilation we can conveniently handle at present, and the acquisition of a new problem is not something the

people of the United States are hankering after. Let us have a little more time for digesting what we have already gobbled up before partaking of another mixed stew. We don't want to make a Noah's Ark of the Union all at once.

Georgia leads all other States in the manufacture of moonshine whiskey; no fewer than 412 illicit distilleries having been destroyed in that State last year. At last the secret of the inspiration of the Georgia poets is out.

The growth of liberal sentiment in religious matters is illustrated in the appointment of Rev. Edward Everett Hale to the Chaplaincy of the Senate. Dr. Hale is the most eminent Unitarian divine in the country, and there are not over five Unitarians in the Senate. A few years ago the selection of a Unitarian to offer up prayers in the Senate would have been considered an affront to the orthodox denominations, but not a protest is heard against Dr. Hale's appointment. The world moves and with it a broadening spirit of intellectual and spiritual toleration. The moral worth of men is no longer measured by the creeds they profess.

Paul and her voice are mostly reminiscences, but she is adamant in collecting her \$5000 per just the same—no cash, no concert.—El Paso Herald.

There will be no surprise when it is known that an alderman in Grand Rapids, Mich., who was known as "Honest John," is among those indicted for boodling.—Kansas City Times.

Maybe Senator Newlands introduced that Cuban annexation resolution just to watch the sugar boxers bristle up again.—Atlanta Constitution.

The only objection to the postoffice investigation from a Democratic point of view seems to be that the Republican administration carried the matter too far.—Butte Inter-Mountain.

Chicago physicians have discovered that bathing is an extremely dangerous habit. They have been looking upon Sacramento water.—Sacramento Union.

A German scientist is of the opinion that radium may be made from petroleum. Just as though the Standard Oil Company needed any such pretext for boosting the price of petroleum products a little higher.—San Jose News.

The street railway strike just settled in Chicago cost the company \$229,000 in losses and the men \$61,960 in wages. A pretty extravagant figure for a jag that ought never to have been indulged in.—Cincinnati Times.

Mr. Bristow's opinion is that we have plenty of good laws in this country, and what we need is truly honest and courageous men to execute them. This is not a new observation, but is worth repeating.—Mobile Register.

Chicago simply refuses to stay out of the public eye. With a live stock show and a show of the three champion human brutes of the city, the Windy City is getting even more than her share of attention these days.—Dallas Times Herald.

In announcing that he has quit New York politics, the burden of proof would seem to be on Mr. Devoy, judging from the last election returns, to show that he had been "in it."—Augusta Chronicle.

Some Passing Jest.

Assum—If your wife treats you so badly why don't you get a divorce from her?

Heepack—Oh! Goodness! I wouldn't think of asking her for that. She wouldn't give it to me.—Philadelphia Press.

Peace Assured.

(From the Washington Star.)

"Aren't there some jealousies in your progressive echro club?"

"No, indeed," answered young Mrs. Torkins; "when we buy prizes we are always careful to select things that no one really wants, so that the winner will not be an object of envy."

Will to Oblige.

(From the Chicago Record-Herald.)

"I want to ask you something, Grace," said the beautiful heiress.

"What is it, duckie?" the duke inquired.

"Would you object if I should request the minister to omit the word 'oh' from the service when we are married?"

A. J. READ IN THE LEAD.

HE WILL LIKELY BE APPOINTED LABOR COMMISSIONER.

The term of office of Labor Commissioner P. B. Meyers has long since expired and the politicians are patiently waiting for Governor Pardee to appoint his successor. The salary of the office is \$3000 a year and it is not going begging for candidates. The title of the office is Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Commissioner Meyers was appointed to the office from Stockton and his term expired on April 10 of this year. There is an interesting contest in progress to secure the appointment. The two who are said to be in the lead are A. J. Read, foreman of the Employers' department, and Frank Roney of Vallejo.

Mr. Read seems to have the inside track for the appointment for he has strong backing from the labor organizations in Alameda county, as well as from prominent citizens. Mr. Roney has been president of the Oakland Typographical Union, which office he held with honor and success. He is a capable printer, a good business man and a worthy in every way to make the office of Labor Commissioner an important department in the State government.

Mr. Read's friends are working hard in his behalf and they hope to succeed in securing him the position.

HELD OFFICER SMITH IN HIGH ESTEEM.

The following communication is sent by Custer Council:

"Friends: The members of General George A. Custer Council, No. 22, Junior Order United American Mechanics, held James H. Smith Jr. in high esteem. In his devotion to well-ordered liberty he showed himself loyal; in his devotion to duty, he became a patriot. These qualities added to a life of devotedness, true, the pure, the noble, the good, presented characteristics which endeared him as a fellow-member with us."

"Wherefore, as he exemplified principles for which this Order stands, it has been deemed wise to cause a gold medal to be struck in his memory. This medal we ask you to receive as some slight token of the appreciation held by Custer Council of his life and death in pursuit of virtue, liberty and patriotic aims."

In deepest sympathy, this was ordered by General George A. Custer Council, No. 22, Junior O. U. A. M. December 1, 1903.

"J. N. BE DELL, Councilor. HERMAN PAINE, Recording Sec." "To the Mother and Relatives of James H. Smith Jr."

The above letter speaks of how one body of citizens held the attempt of Policeman Smith to do his duty. In an address one of the members stated "it should be everybody's business to find the murderer and each one's task to prevent a like repetition."

The officers of the Custer Council for the term beginning in January are Councilor, L. D. Inskeep; U. C. W. J. Dutcher; Champion, J. A. Peterson; recording secretary, H. Paine; F. S. C. A. James; trustee, W. B. Dutcher; W. G. F. Waters; J. H. Starker; S. R. F. Rowe; J. E. C. J. Be Dell; representative State convention, J. C. Shannon; J. N. Be Dell; alternates, J. A. De Poy and Dr. J. C. Gilbertson.

REMARKABLE CURES OF TYPHOID FEVER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Remarkable cures of typhoid fever patients are reported by Beth-Israel Hospital, where a serum imported from Italy and Switzerland is being used. Although the remedy has been in use more than three months it has just been made public.

In that time thirty cases have been treated at the hospital, which is in the best equipped quarters at the East Side. No one of the patients died and in some instances improvement set in before the fever had run more than half its regular course. The improvement was invariably permanent and many patients were dismissed from the hospital from two to three weeks before the usual time.

A small quantity of the serum is injected into the body three times a day, sometimes in the thigh, sometimes in the breast. The operation is of the simplest and practically painless. The injections are in addition to the regular treatment for reducing the temperature, careful diet and nursing.

Physicians in charge of the institution refuse to discuss the matter fully, pending the preparation of a detailed report on the new serum for the medical profession. They admit the successful use of the new serum, but maintain that the treatment is still in its experimental stage.

PREPARING FOR CONVENTION.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Preparations for taking care of the Republic: National convention will begin soon after the holidays. In fact, some of the preliminaries are being disposed of now.

Dr. Fenner's Kidney and Backache Cure.

Don't become discouraged. There is a cure for you. If necessary write Dr. Fenner. He will send you a life time curing just such cases as yours. No consultation free.

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Waist of Japanese Silk, button fastening to the side; four wide tucks and two medallions in front; two tucks in back; full sleeves and stole collar; come in black or white. \$3.00

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A pretty Waist has a V-shaped yoke of rows of brier-stitching with two horizontal tucks, collar of same effect; white only. \$4.50

Handsome Waist, showing all that finest of workmanship and design that give tone to such garments, made of peau de soie, peau de cygne and taffeta. Prices are from \$4.50 to \$7.95

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The hit made by the specially good values in several of the lines in the handkerchief department caused a little fear that some might be disappointed. But this fear departed when several new cases arrived yesterday—direct from the factories where handkerchiefs are made.

The most popular handkerchiefs just now, judging of the selling, are plain white linen, hemstitched at \$2.50 each.

Hemstitched embroidered at 25c. All-linen Initial and Lace Handkerchiefs at 25c.

Evidently these are regarded as excellent gift handkerchiefs. Hundreds of styles to choose from even beginning at 4c.

In Lace Handkerchiefs there is a number of beautiful specimens of Duchess work at \$1.50, 1.75, 2.00 and up to \$8.50.

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between the Lace House and similar stores in San Francisco have been increased since the opening of the new ferry. And we are glad of it. The more people that go across the bay to compare our prices with others, the more satisfied we are. The reason is in a nutshell. We buy for cash and as close as any house on the coast, ours is a cash business, therefore no extra profit is necessary to cover bad credits. The most casual enquiry will convince that expenses are lower in Oakland than in San Francisco. Why then, should we not feel confident in the matter of values and prices?

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ANOTHER SUIT SPECIAL

\$12.50

The main factor in a Woman's Tailored Garment is style; then comes quality; both are found in the suits we now offer at \$12.50. As the year's end approaches it is very necessary to reduce stock. This has been our December program in the Cloak and Suit Department. Today's number consists of 25 suits that were sold originally for \$15.00, \$17.50, \$18.50 and \$19.50 now marked \$12.50.

These stylish suits are in the Louis XIV. and straight-front shapes, are perfect in every detail and made of excellent Cheviots and Venetian.

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Women's strictly tailored suits made of imported Scotch tweeds in the new Lord Kitchener style, having fancy collars and cuffs trimmed with contrasting shades of broadcloth—Price, \$22.50.

Silk Dress Skirts

Women's Dress Skirts made of good quality peau de soie; fancy braid-trimmed design on flounce; velvet binding; good value. \$10.50

Dress Skirts made of peau de soie; cluster folds on each gore terminating at flounce and trimmed with silk ornaments. Price \$19.95

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What more acceptable than a Lace House Merchandise Order for a rustling Silk Skirt.

All alterations on above garments are made free of charge.

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The Fur stock is complete with Sable Fox, Bear, Mink, Siberian Squirrel and Marten. Prices \$3.25 to \$25.00

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suggest rain coats.

Girl's Rain coats made of dark mixed, guaranteed water proof material; full, circular cape. Price \$1.90

Raincoat made of navy blue, twilled material with circular cap. Price \$2.50

UNION ELECTS
OFFICERS.

CARMEN HAVE A LIVELY TIME
IN SELECTING CANDIDATES.



The semi-annual election of the Carpenters' Union was held yesterday at Gler's hall and was very exciting. The voting was very heavy, so that although the polls closed at 10 p. m. it was after 2 o'clock this morning before the judges and clerks had counted all the ballots. The election was conducted on the Australian ballot system and resembled a municipal election in almost every detail.

The following were elected: President, W. F. Johnson of the Telegraph line; vice president, J. W. Smith, Grove; recording secretary, J. F. Anderson, San Pablo; treasurer, E. C. Straub, Telegraph; conductor, Frank Williams, San Francisco; financial secretary, Charles Parsons, Telegraph; wardens, W. S. Kimball, West Eighth; sentinel, Sam Kendall, Alameda; trustees, George B. McHale, Haywards; Robert Scott, Fourteenth; F. Fitzsimmons, Eighth; delegate to Fresno convention in January, George R. Crane, Alameda; delegates to Federated Trades Council, J. W. Smith, Charles Parsons, A. S. Anderson and W. Ellison.

George Dingwall, who was formerly secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees and who was expelled from that organization a year ago on the charge of conspiring against the union, has brought suit for an injunction to compel the association to restore him to membership.

The trial was commenced yesterday in Judge Hebbard's court, San Francisco.

Dingwall asserted in his petition that his expulsion was contrary to the by-laws of the association; that he was not given a proper hearing and that the charges were not served on him three days before his trial.

Richard Cornelius, president of the San Francisco Carpenters' Association, testified that Dingwall was given a fair hearing and that the charges against him were preferred in the requisite manner. Frank Shallenberger, the recording secretary, gave testimony similar to that given by Cornelius. Henry Mote, a member of the association, told the court that a copy of the amended charges were served on Dingwall three days before his expulsion.

The Plumber's Helpers met last night and made preparations for the smoker to be held on New Year's Eve. The program will be in charge of the following committee: Alexander Glad, Frank, chairman; John Rogers and Louis Estudillo, it will consist of singing and dancing specialties and boxing contests.

A large delegation from Dulzied and Miller's shop went to West Oakland last night to see one of their fellow workmen, Edward Cleary, an apprentice, get the decision over James Duffy of San Francisco in the second round.

Frank Merantte, the apprentice who was selected to attend the New York trade school, left for the East last Monday. Saturday night the helpers gave him a "send-off" as a token of their regard for him. There was a boxing contest between Charles Helms and Louis Estudillo, a bass solo by William Brood, piano solo by Joseph Williams and a tenor solo by E. Perella.

President Alexander Peary and Vice President Charles Pratt of the Journeymen Plumbers' Union are at present working on a job at Ft. Baker. Charles Stevenson is engaged in a government contract on the magazines at Vallejo. Charles Deffenbaugh and John Kutz are with him. Otto Kutz who recently returned from San Diego, has gone to Ft. Baker.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF
TEAMSTERS.

Five applications for membership were acted upon by the District Council of Teamsters last night. A member of the union had complained that his employer had discharged him without cause. The council thoroughly investigated the matter and after listening to the testimony of both employer and employee, dismissed the case. The delegates were satisfied that the employer was perfectly right in the matter and decided in his favor.

Frank Mackey, state organizer of the Brotherhood, was present at the meeting for a few minutes.

PAINTERS' ELECTION.
From 5 to 10 this evening polls will be open in Kohler and Chase hall for the members of local union No. 127.

Brotherhood of Painters, to vote for the national officers with ballots sent from the headquarters in the East. The committee in charge of the election, which will be by the Australian system, is composed of W. E. Scully, W. F. Ward, J. L. Donovan and F. H. Mosher.

TONIGHT'S MEETINGS.

The Federated Trades Council and Bakery Wagon Drivers will meet at 8 o'clock and Walters' headquarters, Eighth and Broadway; the Beer Bottlers at Becker's hall, 918 Washington street; the Painters, Material Teamsters, Sewer Workers, Carpet Mechanics and Plasterers at Kohler and Chase hall, Broadway and Eleventh street; the Longshoremen at California hall, 1115 Clay street.

RETAIL DRIVERS.

Frank Mackey, state organizer of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, was scheduled to address the retail delivery wagon drivers last night, but as there was not a quorum present no meeting was held. Since Tuesday the drivers have been obliged to work evenings and so were unable to attend the meeting. As a result, there will be no more sessions of the retail drivers until after the holidays.

The next gathering will probably take place on Wednesday evening, January 6, at Cooke and Walters' headquarters, Eighth street and Broadway.

AMALGAMATED CARPENTERS.

At the semi-monthly meeting of the local branch of the Amalgamated Carpenters last night in Becker's hall, the principal topic of discussion was the proposed consolidation of the Amalgamated Carpenters with the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. Two candidates were named.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS.

The four unions of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Nos. 6, 151, 283 and 298, are arranging to give a joint entertainment at the Chateau on Friday evening, January 8th, for the benefit of the Western Federation of Miners.

TALLYMEN.

The tallymen are arranging to hold a smoker some time in the near future.

LIGHHOUSE DISTRICTS.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—Senator Perkins introduced a bill today increasing the number of lighthouse districts so as to decrease the immense extent of the Thirteenth district, which covers the coast line of Oregon, Wash-

ington and Alaska. He also offered a bill providing for the establishment of a life-saving station at Noma.

SMALLPOX REPORTED.

A new smallpox case was reported this morning at 724 Filbert street, the victim being the 16-year old daughter of Joseph Silva, residing at that number. Proper quarantine measures have been taken by the health officials.

BIRTH RECORD.

Daughters have been born to the families of W. H. Walters, 831 Short street and Rodney Emeus, 803 San Pablo avenue as shown by Health Office reports.

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PERSONAL AND
SOCIAL.

MANY LUNCHEONS AND CARD PARTIES ARE PLANNED.

The members of the Nedderline Club were guests at a delightful "at home" given by Mrs. Charles Conlon Monday evening, December 14. Several games of whist and euchre were enjoyed and Mrs. W. L. Belrose and Mrs. J. Stevenson were the lucky prize winners. Dainty refreshments were served late in the evening and the club adjourned to meet New Year's Eve at the home of the Misses Hyde.

The membership includes: Mrs. C. Conlon, Mrs. W. L. Belrose, Mr. C. W. Denny, Mrs. J. Stevenson, Misses Katherine and Margaret Hyde, Miss Jean Nichol, Misses Eva and Blanch Davis, Miss Grace Pomeroy.

LOS ANGELES WEDDING.

The wedding of Miss Anne Marie Murman and Dr. J. A. Colegrove will take place in Los Angeles tonight. A number of friends will be present at the ceremony and reception, after which the young couple will leave immediately for the wedding trip, the destination of which is kept a secret. Miss Murman is very well known in Oakland and San Francisco and her many friends will be surprised to hear of her marriage, as the engagement has but recently been announced. Dr. Colegrove has also many friends in Oakland and where he has resided many years. He is a prominent Mason, a member of the local lodge of Elks, and also of the Xi Psi Phi Fraternity.

INFORMAL DINNER.

Mrs. Edward Hackett was hostess today at an informal dinner complimentary to her niece, Miss Janet Haight, who has just returned from Europe. Only a few intimate friends were invited, among them Mr. and Mrs. Louis Haight of San Francisco and Mrs. Elizabeth Strong.

FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB.

Mrs. Seth Mann will entertain the Friday Night Club tomorrow evening and a delightful informal gathering is anticipated. This is the third season of this congenial club and the very pleasant meetings this winter argue well for a fourth year.

The membership includes Mr. and Mrs. George C. Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Dallam, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lovell, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. William High, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Mann, Dr. and Mrs. Harry P. Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Felton Taylor.

TOWN AND COUNTRY CLUB.

The Town and Country Club which has seen ten delightful winters will be entertained this evening at the charming home of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Ackor in Fruitvale. Whist will be the order of the evening.

Those who will participate in the game are Mr. and Mrs. Horry Meek, Mr. and Mrs. Will Meek, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meek, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knight, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crellin, Mr. and Mrs. George L. King, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Dunwoody, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hathaway, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Ackor.

WILL GIVE A DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Waldron will entertain half a dozen friends at dinner Friday evening, December 18. The two guests of honor will be Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Gray, but the evening will be quite informal.

Those who are bidden to the repast are Mr. and Mrs. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Allard, Mr. and Mrs. George Hammer, Dr. and Mrs. S. Emmet Nicholson and Mr. and Mrs. Newton A. Koser.

EUCHE CLUB MEETS.

Mrs. Rels Thompson entertained the Thursday Afternoon Euchre Club at her home on Fairmount avenue this afternoon and one of the most delightful informal card games of the week was enjoyed.

The membership includes: Mrs. George Whitney, Mrs. William H. Creed, Mrs. C. B. Percelle, Mrs. A. Lowndes Scott, Mrs. A. Rosborough, Mrs. E. J. Kenna, Mrs. Edgar Stone, Mrs. E. C. Morrison, Mrs. M. C. Chapman, Mrs. Irwin Ayres, Mrs. Vander Boon, Mrs. M. E. Todd, Mrs. W. E. Sharon, Mrs. Rees Thompson, Mrs. Charles Hooper, Mrs. E. F. Taylor, Mrs. Guy Earl, Mrs. E. N. Ewer, Mrs. William Baxter and Mrs. Charles Snook.

THURSDAY CLUB MEETS.

Miss Ethel Crellin was hostess this afternoon at the regular meeting of the Thursday Afternoon Euchre Club. A number of five hundred was enjoyed and the girls had many compliments for their charming hosts.

The members of this club are: Miss Edna Barry, Miss Jean Downey, Miss May Coogan, Miss Helen Chase, Miss Edith Beck, Miss Dottie Emerson, Miss Mollie Mathes, Mrs. Irving Burnett, Miss Miss Kenna, Miss Katherine Burnham, Miss Ethel Crellin, Miss Claire Chabot, Miss Bessie Fillmore and Miss Bessie Reed.

FANCY BAZAAR.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Chester Street Methodist Episcopal Church are holding a bazaar at the corner of Eighth and Persimmon streets, Wednesday evening. The bazaar will continue this evening and tomorrow afternoon and evening. Ice cream and cake, candies, Christmas gifts and all kinds of fancy articles are on sale and the ladies expect to realize a goodly sum for their charitable work.

HOLIDAY GUESTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Stone will entertain a party of friends Christmas Day at their charming home on Vernon Heights. The guests invited to join the little family gathering are: Mrs. William A. Havemeyer, Mrs. J. C. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kenna, Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Brayton, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus L. MacDonald, Miss Stone, Miss Vera Havemeyer, Miss Grace MacDonald, Miss Stuart, Miss Lemmon, Mrs. A. Caulfield, Mrs. W. Baxter, Miss Barnes, Mrs. A. Gregory, Mrs. E. E. Woodward, Mrs. J. M. Weber, Mrs. B. C. Collins, Mrs. V. H. Cooley, Mrs. A. Bernanke, Mrs. Frederick H. Clarke, Mrs. F. E. McHenry, Mrs. E. H. Ewer and Miss Florence Hartman.

MISS HUSH TO ENTERTAIN.

Miss Florence Hush will be hostess at one of the prettiest luncheons of the season to be given Friday, December 18, with Miss Jacqueline Moore as guest of honor.

Those who will enjoy the affair include Miss Edna Barry, Miss May Young, Miss Florence Boone, Miss Margaret Sinclair, Miss Elsie McCreedy, Miss Florence White, Miss Marion Smith, Miss Grace

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Children's Silk Caps
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Fancy Aprons
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PERSONAL.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Butters have postponed the coaching party planned in honor of Miss Jacqueline Moore until Saturday, December 19.

Mrs. David McClure Gregory (nee Miss Anna Lohse) is spending a week at Oakland. She will originate a few friends on Saturday before leaving for her home. W. E. Rollins, an artist, who has a high reputation and who is well known in Oakland and San Francisco, has opened a studio in this city; his temporary quarters being at his residence, 639 Twelfth street, where he has a splendid exhibition of his work. Until the sketching season opens he will devote his time to teaching and painting. Mr. Rollins has

gained fame as a marine painter, but for the past few years he has given his time to the Northern Indians. His many sketches will be glad to learn of his permanent location in Oakland.

MEAT QUOTATIONS

Beef and Mutton, lower; Pork and Veal, easier.
Roast beef, per lb. 8 cents
Rib Steak, 3-lb. 25 cents
Mutton Chop, per lb. 10 cents
Shoulder of Lamb, per lb. 7 cents
Pork Chops, per lb. 12 1/2 cents
Roast Pork, per lb. 11 cents
Smoked Sausage, 8 lbs. 25 cents

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Mrs. J. C. Martin Has an Exciting Experience With a Blazing Coal-oil Stove.

BERKELEY, December 17.—Mrs. J. C. Martin, the wife of the well-known actor, residing at 2000 Shattuck avenue, saved her apartments from destruction by fire last night through her pluck and presence of mind. She lit a coal oil stove in the kitchen and then stepped into the store for a few moments.

PIONEER RESIDENT IS BURIED. WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

BERKELEY, December 17.—A class of thirty-three will be graduated to the High School and a fine program of exercises held at the McKinley School next Friday afternoon. The graduation will be conducted by Mrs. Clara M. Partridge, teacher of the class, and Principal Charles M. Biedenhorn.

BERKELEY, December 17.—The funeral of Captain John Oldreive, a pioneer resident of Berkeley, who passed away Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert of Rush street, San Francisco, was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from local undertaking parlors.

RAILROAD LOST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Emilio Roosevelt and other holders of \$100,000 5 per cent bonds issued by the Elgin Iron and Manufacturing Company, have won their suit against the Nashville Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad Company, guarantors of the bonds, brought to recover unpaid interest due on December 1, 1902.

FIERCE FIRE IN PORTLAND CHINATOWN.

PORTLAND, Or., December 17.—Fire which originated in a Chinese tenement located in the heart of the business district of this city at midnight, did damage to the amount of \$50,000. The blaze was at first discovered in the lower portion of a three-story brick building on the west side of Second street, between Stark and Oak, occupied by Chinese merchants on the lower floor and as a lodging house in the upper stories. The flames soon enveloped the whole building and spread to the building occupied by the American Type Foundry Company, which was badly damaged.

FINE PROGRAM PREPARED FOR LARGE AUDIENCE SURE TO BE PRESENT.

BERKELEY, December 17.—The annual concert of the blind pupils of the children of the Institute of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, a musical affair that never fails to attract large numbers of people from both sides of the bay will be held next Sunday afternoon, at three o'clock in the chapel of the Institute. An unusually attractive program will be rendered as follows:

Part I—Christmas carols, (a) "Hail, Glad Christmas Time," Piusini; (b) "Rings, Merry Bells," Fisher, primary class; organ solo, "Sanctus" (Messia Solenne) Gounod, arranged for the organ by Otto Fleissner; piano solo, "Carols," Op. 50, No. 3, Rubinstein; Berra Haight, piano quartette, march from "The Ruins of Athens," Ada Brydges, Hazel Piper, Maud Hilton, Tillie Allison; vocal solo, "The Star of Bethlehem," Adams, Charles Caceres; organ solo, "Miserere," Cantabile, Lemaigne, Hazel Piper; piano solo, Impromptu, Op. 29, No. 1, Chopin, Charles Caceres.

LOGGERS TO HOLD A WHIST TOURNAMENT.

BERKELEY, December 17.—Berkeley Council, No. 18, Order of America, will give its second tournament in the series of whist entertainment held under the auspices of the lodge this winter, next Monday evening in G. A. R. hall, Odd Fellows' Building. An election of officers will be held prior to the whist tournament.

RAILROAD OFFICIAL ILL WITH APPENDICITIS.

BERKELEY, December 17.—H. R. Braden, an official in the passenger department of the Southern Pacific Company, is suffering with a severe attack of appendicitis at his home, 116 Stuart street.

HILLSIDE MOTHERS' CLUB WILL ASSIST IN FURNISHING NEW CARNegie LIBRARY.

BERKELEY, December 17.—The Hillside Mothers' Club, an organization of ladies residing in the scenic district, have an extremely busy winter before them, having planned to assist in furnishing the juvenile room in the new Carnegie Library, raise money for a piano in the Hillside School, and the question of a new grammar school for their section of the city and set a new date for Arbor Day.

The regular meeting of the Hillside Mothers' Club was addressed by Superintendent S. D. Waterman on the subject of the juvenile department in the new library and the aid of the club was earnestly solicited to assist in making the establishment and equipment of the club room a success in decoration and furnishing. The best juvenile magazines and literature that can be bought, and the making of a grammar school a matter of good education and one who likes and understands children, to assist them in their search for books, were two strong points.

In a spirited discussion of ways and means to procure money enough to pay for the new piano before any interest can be charged, which will be on February 1, 1904, it was decided to accept Captain Chittenden's offer to lecture and display his Indian trophies at once and hold the entertainment on Friday afternoon of this week, December 18, at 2:30 o'clock at the Hillside School, charging a small admission. Home-made candy will be for sale. Mrs. Osborne also offered to repeat her San Francisco and Oakland successes in the Mother Goose party immediately after the holidays. Sixty little children will take part. Mrs. Osborne's kind invitation was gratefully accepted by the Mothers' Club. Charles Keeler will also give one of his very interesting talks on his travels, with stereoscopic views, in aid of the piano fund, early in the new year. The ladies feel that it will be a most interesting and profitable affair.

A charming loan exhibit of bronzes, rugs, china and silver, under the management of a committee composed of Messrs. Schilling, Bricker, Bradley, Pierce, Doyle, and others, will be held in the near future.

A decided protest against taking the high grade out of the Hillside School was entered by several mothers, who say the school, being charged a small admission, the distance from the scenic district to the other side of Berkeley is too great for the children to travel. The protest was every case, four times daily. It was moved and warmly seconded that a committee be appointed to look into the North Berkeley Improvement and the Hillside Clubs be sent into the Board of Education to see that the school be kept for this rapidly growing section of the town and to distinctly state that these clubs are about to leave the city for the town for a half million dollars to be paid by the city. The matter was discussed and approved, both by the Mothers' Club and the Board of Education.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, Preacher and Author, to Speak Under Auspices of Pacific Theological Seminary.

BERKELEY, December 17.—Rev. Lyman Abbott, D. D., one of the foremost men in the United States, is to deliver a course of lectures next April at the Pacific Theological Seminary. The subjects of his discourses to be given at the seminary have not been announced as yet. Dr. Abbott is perhaps best known as having occupied the position of pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in New York for many years and through the fact that he occupies the editorial chair of Outlook.

A recent book by Dr. Abbott, a biography of Dr. Beecher, is attracting much attention. The seminary will close on Wednesday of next week after a successful semester of work. According to letters received by Dr. Abbott will tour the coast extensively while in California.

FIRST BUILDING BUILT OF STEEL.

BERKELEY, December 17.—The new building being erected at the corner of Audubon and Harmon streets has the distinction of being the first building, with the exception of the mining building at the University of California to be constructed of steel. The building is now nearly completed and the work is now but a matter of a few weeks.

REBEKAH LODGE TO HOLD INITIATION.

BERKELEY, December 17.—Berkeley Rebekah Lodge, No. 322, will hold an initiation and banquet on the evening of December 18, when Grand President Alma L. Johnson will be present to conduct the work in the lodge room.

WOODMEN WILL INSTALL OFFICERS.

BERKELEY, December 17.—Peralta Camp No. 123, Woodmen of the World, will hold an installation of officers on the evening of January 6, when the following newly elected officers will take their places: Consul commander, C. H. McCullough; commander, John Schmitt, Jr.; clerk, Clarence Cole; secretary, S. W. Johnson; treasurer, C. E. Davis; sentry, M. Arbaugh; manager, Charles A. Cain.

DUKE OF NORFOLK ENGAGED.

NEW YORK, December 17.—It is authoritatively announced, says a Herald dispatch from London, that the Duke of Norfolk is engaged to be married to the Hon. Gwendolen Mary Maxwell, elder daughter of Lord Harries. As the Duke and Miss Maxwell are first cousins once removed a dispensation from the Pope was necessary. The Duke is Premier Peer of England and is 55 years of age. His first wife died in 1887 and his only son, the Earl of Arundel, last year after a life of great affliction.

HAYWARDS, SAN LEANDRO, EMERYVILLE, FRIEVALE, GOLDEN GATE

RACE TRACK PUT IN SHAPE.

EMERYVILLE CIRCLE UNDERGOING CLEANING UP.

EMERYVILLE, Dec. 17.—Advantage is being taken of the "closed" season at the Oakland race track to put the big circle in good condition. Track Superintendent Fiedelich has a gang of men at work cleaning up and rolling the course. The best hand rakes have been used to get the track in good shape. The work is being done in a systematic way, making the ground sloping and hard to walk. The first installment of the new work, however, is apparent.

HIS DAY OFF.

Conductor Stone of the Emeryville branch line, enjoyed a day off yesterday. RYAN THREE CARS.

Both the Southern Pacific and Key Route officials have decided that three cars are enough to convey their passengers during the day.

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CHILDREN GAVE BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL.

MUSICAL PROGRAM RENDERED BY ELMHURST PUPILS LAST EVENING.

ELMHURST, Dec. 17.—The pupils of the local grammar school gave an enjoyable entertainment in Red Men's Hall last evening. Despite the inclemency of the weather a good sized crowd was present.

The program was arranged under the direction of H. H. Johnson, was as follows:

Part I—Song (a) "The School Bell" (b) "The Butterflies" primary girls; recitation, "I Never Can Learn It All," Mabel Mason; song, "The Froggies" swimming school; "The Farmer Boy's" chorus, "Lo, the Bright Graces;" class chorus, "The Land of Nod;" vocal duet, selected; "The Merry Men;" vocal duet, selected; "The Merry Men;" vocal duet, selected; "The Merry Men;" vocal duet, selected.

IMPROVED CLUB TONIGHT.

The last semi-monthly meeting of the Elmhurst Improvement Club will be held this evening in Red Men's Hall. After the meeting the gentlemen were to study San Francisco and find out the advantages gained for its residents by its being an incorporated town.

BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL.

FINE MANUFACTURING SITE AT GOLDEN GATE PURCHASED.

GOLDEN GATE, Dec. 17.—A real estate deal which means much to Golden Gate is in process of consummation at the present time. The parties to the contract, Messrs. Beaudry and Peladeau, of Oakland, the owners of the property involved, met with the prospective purchaser, Mr. Beaudry, at first discovered in the lower portion of a three-story brick building on the west side of Second street, between Stark and Oak, occupied by Chinese merchants on the lower floor and as a lodging house in the upper stories. The flames soon enveloped the whole building and spread to the building occupied by the American Type Foundry Company, which was badly damaged.

The property in question is situated in what is known as the "audrey" and Peladeau tract, fronting 335 feet on the Southern Pacific track. It is just north of Shellmound Park.

It is an ideal manufacturing site, running from the railroad tracks 100 feet in an easterly direction.

Mr. Beaudry and the joint owners in the real estate, when seen today concerning the sale, was inclined to be reticent. He said:

"The deal has not yet been made public. In fact, final settlement has not yet been made. The transaction will probably be closed, however, this afternoon. The party to the second half will not be announced at present. As to the portion of the purchasers, as far as putting up a factory is concerned, I am unable to say."

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR CHILDREN.

SAN LEANDRO WOODMEN TO ENTERTAIN LITTLE ONES.

SAN LEANDRO, Dec. 17.—The officers and members of San Leandro Camp, Woodmen of the World, are making preparations for a Christmas entertainment to be held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening, December 22.

The affair will be principally for the amusement of the children of those that belong to the lodge.

There will be a program, consisting of recitations and songs by the little ones. A large Christmas tree, brilliantly illuminated and bearing gifts for the "little tots," will be the principal feature of the evening's entertainment. Refreshments will be served and an enjoyable time is expected.

APPOINTED APPRAISERS.

L. F. Rinderspacher, A. B. Jary and D. McCarthy have been appointed appraisers of the estate of the late H. W. Thies.

AT THE BEST WORK.

Mechanics are at work in the office of the Best Works enlarging the same. A photographer and printer has been added to the office staff and things are very lively at the big shop.

TOLD FAIRY TALES ABOUT A MINE.

NEW YORK, December 17.—Frank S. Hobbs, of Idaho, is now in Ludlow street jail on an order of arrest obtained by Edward B. Tustin, treasurer of the Greene Copper Company, who says he advanced \$7500 to Hobbs with which to develop gold mining property.

Tustin brought suit when an agent represented to him that the supposed mine was not as represented and alleged Hobbs did not own it. Tustin at once applied to Judge Marlan of the Kings county supreme court for an order of arrest on the ground that Hobbs was about to leave the city for his native Idaho. The prisoner was held in default of \$7500 bail.

Hobbs, it is alleged, represented that with little difficulty he took out \$100,000 worth of ore from the property controlled by the so-called Comstock mines company. He is said to have represented that there were tunnels and cross-cuts in the mines, and that every-thing was ready for the start in working the mine. He was said to have a stream of water which could easily supply power for a ten-stamp mill. The \$100,000 in stock was tied up in such a way that little could be done until a working capital was raised.

George Peterson, of Mr. Tustin finally consented to furnish \$20,000 and advanced \$7500. According to the report of an expert who later went to Idaho he found the land to be in possession of A. L. Whelan, who according to the records had staked it out six months before Hobbs had done so. Whelan had sunk a shaft and built a cabin, on which was posted a notice that the public at large, and especially a company known as the Comstock Mines Company, would approach the claim at their peril.

JUDGE WON'T APPOINT RECEIVER.

NEW YORK, December 17.—Judge Lacombe of the United States circuit court has denied an application recently made by Madeline Hughes and other stockholders of the Comstock Mines Company that a receiver be appointed. The court declared the applicants had failed to make out a case.

BRICK BLOCK AT HAYWARD.

HANDSOME STRUCTURE TO BE ERECTED IN BUSINESS SECTION.

HAYWARD, Dec. 17.—The site of Mrs. B. Haas' handsome residence on the new tract this week to George Grindley by real estate agent Peter Wilbert, will result in a number of valuable improvements in the beginning of the new year. It is settled that Mrs. Haas will have a fine two-story brick building erected on her lot for \$10,000. The present building to be removed to the lot on B street, near Washington.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

At the last meeting of Union Lodge, No. 18, Degree of Honor, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing term, and no new member was admitted by card:

P. C. of H. Sister Charlotte Gaddis; C. of H. Sister Martha McAlister; L. of H. Sister M. W. Browning; C. of H. Sister A. J. Blackburn; recorder, Sister Isabelle Ramage; receiver, Sister Ruth Johnson; secretary, Sister Jennie Jessup; W. Sister K. Martin; O. W. Brother Jos. F. Gemes.

WON CONTEST.

Mrs. F. F. Allen won the medal contest at the Presbytery C. O. T. U. meeting last night for the best paper on temperance.

FAREWELL PARTY.

A number of neighbors of Dr. G. E. Alexander dropped in at his residence Tuesday evening to wish him a safe and happy journey on his leaving Wednesday for Philadelphia.

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PENNSYLVANIA SUIT AGAINST NEWSPAPER.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., December 17.—The first suit brought in this State under the press law passed by the legislature a year ago have been instituted against three newspapers here by a wealthy banker of Northampton county. The action is based on the publication of a statement that the banker had met with success from a hotel under quarantine in his room for smallpox. "The man was believed to be in Allentown and it was at the request of the local board of health that the publication was made. The papers in describing the banker, said he had dyed his hair. The subject of the article is 55 years old, had recently married a young woman and alleges that the statement about his hair dyed him to be ridiculed by his friends."

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Section 6. Single lanes on said street railroad shall be as now provided by law.

work, and keep the same constantly in repair, flush with said public highways, and with good crossings, and said Order of Abandonment shall be subject to the order or orders, after the 60 days' notice to repair or improve the entire length of said public highways used by said railroad, shall be made by the State Engineer, provided, shall forfeit, in the said County of Alameda, ten dollars per day for each day that said tax, due to the said Engineer or assessor, shall not be paid, or the same, or any part thereof, shall not be complied with the above-said conditions.

Section 9. Said Oakland Transit Consolidated, its successors or assigns, shall within sixty (60) days from the approval of this ordinance, file with the Clerk of said Board of Supervisors a bond, with two or more sufficient sureties, in the penal sum of one thousand three hundred dollars to be approved by the Chairman of said Board of Supervisors, conditioned for the faithful performance of all the requirements and conditions of said ordinance.

And the said Oakland Transit Consolidated, its successors or assigns, shall

Section 16. Said Oakland Transit Consolidated, its successors or assigns, shall lay the tracks for said street railroad along and upon said public highways in the direction of said Board of Supervisors and the Board of Supervisors of said County of Alameda, and no change of any public highway over which said railroad is to run shall be made in any way except by and with the consent and approval of said Board of Supervisors:

approved pattern in use for electric railroads and of wood or iron, and shall be so constructed as to be capable of being raised or lowered to any desired height above the ground surface, except under ground wires, shall be of sufficient height and elevation above the ground so far as to be clear of the ordinary use of said public highway.

Section 12. Cars must be operated over said street, railroad in each direction at least once every hour between the hours of six o'clock A. M. and eleven (11) o'clock P. M. of each day.

Section 13. All mail carriers in the employ of the United States Government at all times while engaged in the actual delivery of mail shall be permitted and allowed to ride on the cars of said street railroad without paying any sum of money.

Section 14. This codin now shall take effect and be in force from this day and until the next annual meeting of the Board of Supervisors, upon the publication thereof in accordance with law, being made before the expiration of said fifteen (15) days.

Passed and adopted at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, California, at the Board Room, held on the 10th day of December, 1933 by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisors Hagner, Kelly, Rowe, Talbot and Chairman Mitchell.

Nays: None.

(Seal) JOHN MITCHELL, Chairman.

JOHN P. COOK, Clerk.

PROBATE NOTICE.

In the Superior Court in and for the County of Alameda, State of California -

Thomas L. Dyard, deceased.
Notice of time set for proving will, etc.
I hereby certify that a petition
for the probate of the will and collection
thereof of Edward Thomas Dyard, de-
ceased, and for the appointment of William
Wilcox, Executor of the will and collection
thereof has been filed in this Court, and
that the hearing on said petition is set for
A. D. 1904, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said
day, at the Courtroom of Department No.
1, of the County of Alameda, in the City
of Oakland, in the County of Alameda,
has been set for the hearing of said
petition, and where any person in-
terested may appear and contest the
same.

Dated December 2nd, A. D. 1903.
(Seal.) JOHN P. COOK, Clerk.
By A. A. Rogers, Deputy Clerk.
A. COMIE JR., Attorney for Petitioner.

PROBATE NOTICE.

In the Superior Court of the County of
Alameda, State of California.
I hereby certify that the estate of William
Ferdlum, deceased.
Notice of time set for proving will, etc.
I hereby certify that a petition
for the probate of the will and collection
thereof of William Ferdlum, deceased, and for the issuance
of Charles A. Fox of letters testamentary
thereon has been filed in this Court, and
that the hearing on said petition is set for
the will annexed, as the Court may ad-
judge, has been filed in this Court, and
that the hearing on said petition is set for
A. D. 1904, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said

The City of Oakland, and County of Alameda, has been set for the hearing of said petition and proving said will, when and where the same may be contested with appeal and against the same.
 Dated December 9th, 1903.
 JOHN P. COOK, Clerk.
 By G. S. DIERKS, Deputy Clerk of Court.
 W. W. WATSON, 123 Sutter Street, San Francisco, Attorney for Petitioner.

PROBATE NOTICE.
 In the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, State of California.
 In the matter of the estate of Mary Augusta Solomon, deceased.
 Notice is hereby given that a petition for the probate of the will of Mary Augusta Solomon, deceased, and for the appointment of a guardian of the estate of said deceased, and for letters testamentary thereon has been filed in this Court, and that Monday, the 21st day of December, A. D. 1903, at 10 o'clock of the forenoon of that day, at the Court Department No. 4 of said Court, at the

said County of Alameda, has been set
 for the hearing of said petition and pro-
 posed claim of will, when and where any person
 interested may appear and contest the
 same.
 Dated December 9th, 1913.
 JOHN P. COOK, Clerk.
 By G. S. PIERCE, County Clerk.
 EVERETT J. BROWN, Attorney for
 Petitioner, Court House, Oakland, Cal.
PROBATE NOTICE.
 In the Superior Court of the County of
 Alameda, State of California,

From person deceased.
Notice of the hearing set for praying will, etc.,
for the probate of the will of Annie M.
Folson, deceased, and for the issuance
of letters testamentary thereon has been filed in this
Court and that Monday, the 23rd day of
January, 1904, at 10 o'clock, A. M., of
said day, at the Court Room of the
Department No. 4 of said Court, at the Court
house in said city of Oakland, in said
County of Alameda, at 10 o'clock, A. M.,
there shall be heard said petition and praying said
will, when and where any person interested
therein may appear and be heard on the same.
Dated December 14th, 1903.

JOHN P. COOK, Clerk.
BY SAMUEL B. BROWN, Attorney for
ANNE L. McKEE, Attorney for

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